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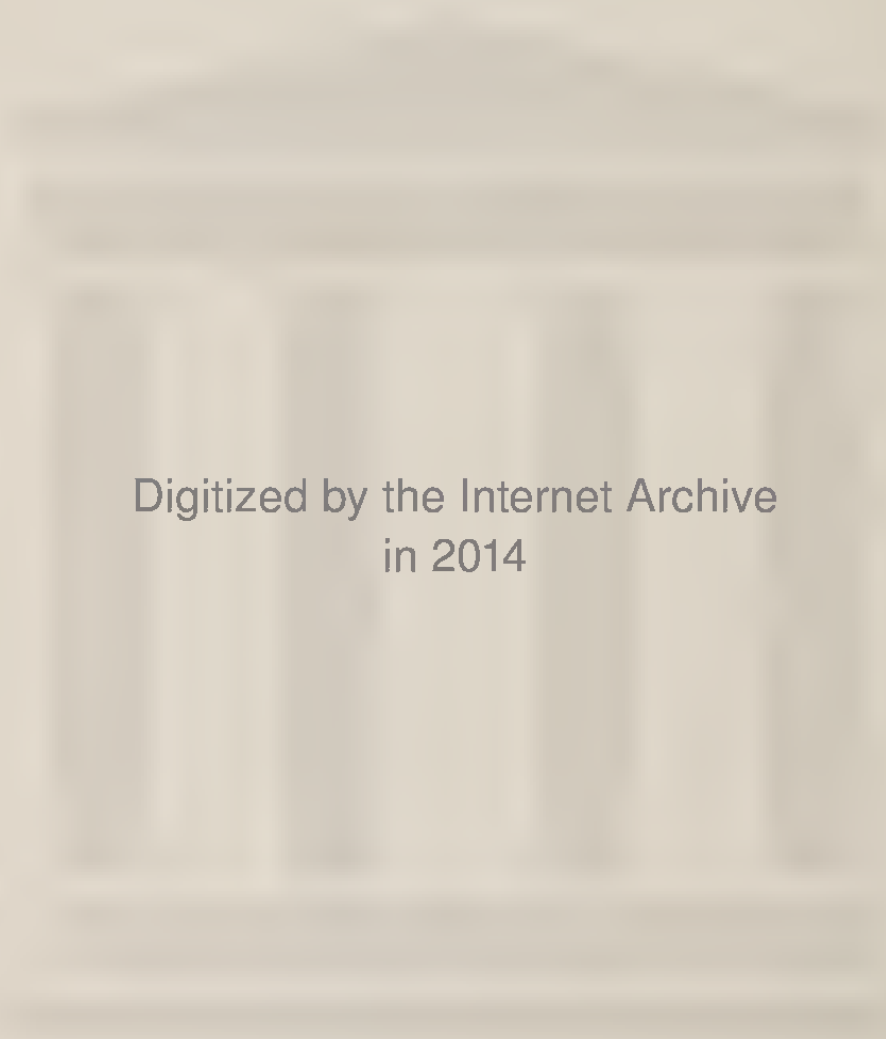

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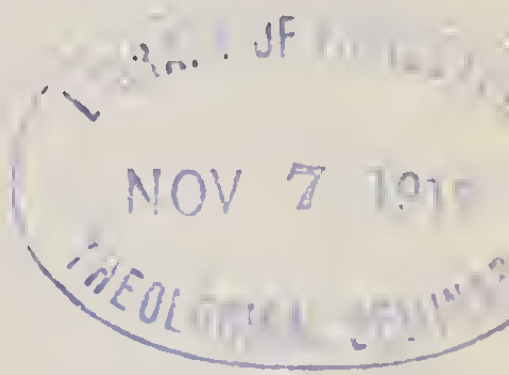

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PREFACE.

THE Church of The Unitas Fratrum ("Moravians") at Herrnhut (1722-1727) felt the need of having for each day a short word of Scripture as a guide to their meditations, praying, speaking and general conduct. Count Zinzendorf undertook to select suitable texts. To these he added a few lines from hymns, that were at that time in use in the services of the congregation. These additions, it was hoped, would lead to a right understanding of the texts and suggest the application of the truths to the individual heart.

In the first years a Scripture text, with lines from a hymn, was announced in the daily evening service as the *"Watchword"* for the following day. It was not till 1732 that a series of "Watchwords" was printed in advance for the whole year. One of the last lahors of Count Zinzendorf was the selection of the "Watchwords" for the year 1761. After his decease the duty of selecting them devolved on the newly constituted Governing Board of the Church. The book underwent some changes as regards title and form. Two texts of Scripture were given for each day. The "Watchword" was always taken from the Old Testament; the "Doctrinal Text" was chosen from the New Testament, so that in one year the Gospels, the Acts and the Book of Revelation were represented, in the next year the Epistles, and in the third all the books of the New Testament.

The Text Book until the middle of the 19th century was used almost exclusively in the Moravian Church; but in the last decades it has been valued hy very many memhers of other Churches. At present 140,000 copies are printed for Germany, 16,000 for French Switzerland and France, 6,700 for England and America, 1,800 for North Schleswig and Denmark, and 36,000 in shortened form for Sweden. Several thousand copies are, besides, printed in the Moravian Foreign Mission fields in the dialects of the natives, viz., in Dutch, Esthonian, Finnish, Bohemian, Italian, Negro-English (for Surinam) and Eskimo. The total number of copies published annually is therefore well over 200,000!

The Moravian Church considers it a great favor, received from the Lord, that by the yearly issue of this book it may contribute in ever so small degree to the fulfilment of the Saviour's prayer "that they all may be one." May all, who use the hook this year, find it a source of daily strengthening, and a bond of peace and of union.

SPECIAL MEMORIAL DAYS

IN THE

Moravian Church.

See Book of Order, page 128, and the volume entitled "Memorial Days."

March 1, 1457. [462nd]. Commemorated as the date of the beginning of the organization of the Unitas Fratrum, in Bohemia.

May 12, 1724. [195th]. Laying of the corner-stone of the first public building at Herrnhut, Saxony, in which was the the first place of worship.

May 12, 1727. [192nd]. Unanimous adoption of the first statutes, or Brotherly Agreement, by the settlers at Herrnhut,—the first definite step towards the reorganization of the Unitas Fratrum.

June 17, 1722. [197th]. Beginning of the settlement, afterwards called Herrnhut, by the first company of emigrants from Moravia.

July 6, 1415. [504th]. Martyrdom of John Hus, the Bohemian Martyr and Forerunner of the Unitas Fratrum, at Constance.

Aug. 13, 1727. [192nd]. Signal outpouring of the Holy Spirit experienced by the congregation of Herrnhut in the parish-church at Berthelsdorf, at the first celebration of the Holy Communion after the statutes of May 12, 1727, had been subscribed, the first organization effected and discordant parties harmoniously united.

Aug. 21, 1732. [187th]. Beginning of the first mission of the Unitas Fratrum to heathen in foreign lands, namely, to the Negroes in St. Thomas, West Indies.

Sept. 16, 1741. [178th]. Powerful Experience of the fact that Jesus Christ is the Chief Shepherd and Head of His Church. Covenant Day of the ordained ministers of the Moravian Church.

Nov. 13, 1741. [178th]. Formal Promulgation in the Unitas Fratrum of the doctrine of the Immediate Headship of the Lord Jesus Christ in His Church on earth.

DAILY TOPICS

OF THE

Moravian Prayer Union

Motto: Matt. 18:19; and John 17:20, 21.

On August 27, 1727, certain members of the Moravian Church in Herrnhut, Saxony, formed a prayer union known as the "Hourly Intercession." That practice provided that for every hour of the day and night, some one of the voluntary intercessors should be bearing on the heart, in private, the interests of the Kingdom of God in the world.

THE MORAVIAN PRAYER UNION was formed in England on August 27, 1872, as a form of resuscitation of the "Hourly Intercession," and its members are found in all portions of the Moravian world, in home and foreign lands.

It is the earnest desire to enlist many more in this prayer covenant. Any child of God may become a member who will agree to pray for the subjects as given below and who will send in his or her name to the pastor.

SUNDAY.—THE CHURCH OF CHRIST.—Her purity and peace, unity and power. For the congregation to which we belong, and with which we worship to-day. For the *minister* who will to-day speak to us the Word of Christ, that it may be in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. For the right observance of the *Lord's Day*, and the blessing of God upon all *Sunday-schools*.

"Unite all the children of God in one spirit. Grant love and unity to all our congregations. Preserve and sanctify each member through the truth."

MONDAY.—CHRISTIAN MISSIONS.—For all Missionary Societies, and Missions to both Jews and Heathen; for the *new work* entered upon; for our own Foreign Missions. For *the Workers* stationed in heathen lands; for deepened interest at home in the Mission cause; that *Young Men* with a true Missionary spirit may be stirred up to offer themselves for the Lord's work; and that all may learn the duty and privilege of serving the Lord by *giving*. We pray especially for a blessing upon our Church's work in *Bohemia*, and for an open door for Gospel labor in *Moravia*.

On successive Mondays of each month, special thought for:—

1st Monday—Labrador, Alaska, Himalaya, N. American Indians.

2nd Monday—West Indies (E. & W. Provinces), Australia.

3rd Monday—Moskito Coast, Demerara, Surinam, Leper Homes.

4th Monday—S. Africa (E. & W.), E. Cent. Africa (Nyasa and Unyamwesi).

5th Sunday—Our Mission Colleges; Mission Boards of all Churches.

"Send faithful laborers into Thy harvest." "Have mercy on Thy ancient covenant people, deliver them from their blindness."

TUESDAY.—THE FAMILY AND THE SCHOOL.—For households. For the *Christian Education* of the young, and that our children may be early led to give themselves to Christ. For *all Schools*, and that *Teachers* may he actuated by love to Christ . For all *Christian Endeavor Societies;* and *Guilds* for the Young. For the young men educated in the *Colleges* for School service and the Ministry, that they may devote themselves with a single eye to Christ and His service in the Church.

"From the influence of the spirit of this world, preserve us, gracious Lord and God." "Let our children he brought up in Thy nurture and admonition."

WEDNESDAY.—THE SICK AND AFFLICTED.—For those *in Suffering*, as the aged, sick, poor, desolate, and distressed, and for prisoners. For those *on journeys* or in peril. For the suppression of *slavery* and *intemperance*. For all victims of famine, oppression, and war.

"By Thy griefs and sorrows, by Thy Divine presence, hless and comfort them, gracious Lord." "Make the hed of the sick and in the midst of suffering let them feel that Thou lovest them."

THURSDAY.—OUR COUNTRY.—That it may become more truly a Christian country; that God may guide and protect all that are *in authority*. That *Commerce* and industry may be consecrated to the service of Christ. That the Spirit of Christ may permeate the work of *the Bible and Tract Societies*, the tone of the *Public Press* and of all the *Literature* of our land; and regulate all activities projected for the good of the people.

"Watch graciously over all governments. Give prosperity, O God, to this land, and salvation to all its people."

FRIDAY.—THE MORAVIAN CHURCH.—For her purity, spirituality, and activity; her adherence to the doctrine of the Cross, and of the sole rule and headship of Christ. For the *Directing Boards* of the Church, that they be guided by the Spirit of Christ, and endued with insight into His will, boldness and prudence in acting for Him, and that they may be ever upheld by the confidence and prayers of their fellow-servants. For all the *Conferences* of our Church and of our congregations, that they may join together in prayer and work, and unceasingly "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." For the *Synods* of the Church, that they may ever be "seasons of refreshing," occasions of renewed consecration, and assemblies that promote the Church's welfare by the spirit of their deliberations, and the wisdom of their conclusions.

"Give to our bishops and ministers soundness of doctrine and holiness of life, and preserve them therein. Help all elders to rule well."

SATURDAY.—FOR MINISTERS, as Preachers of Christ and Pastors of His flock; that they be all baptized with the Holy Spirit, and thus enduced with power for their ministry. For *their growth* in grace and in the knowledge of Christ. For their prudence, zeal, meekness, and boldness as His servants; and that, by *purity* of motive, and *blamelessness* of life, they may walk approved of God, and ensamples unto men.

"Give Thy Spirit and power to preach Thy Word."

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

The stanzas found in this Text Book are taken from the Hymnbooks of the Moravian Church. The two passages of Scripture indicated for each day are suggested for morning and evening reading respectively.

☽ Denotes First Quarter. ☾ Denotes Last Quarter.
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The Daily Watch-Words

AND

Doctrinal Texts

FOR THE YEAR 1919.

JANUARY.

1st Week—New Year.

● **WEDNESDAY 1.**—Rom. 4:8-14. Gal. 3:23-29. Lu. 2:21-32.

And he called on the LORD, and said, Thou hast given this great deliverance by the hand of Thy servant. Judges 15:18.

O God, our Help in ages past,—Our Hope for years to come;—Be Thou our Guide while life shall last,—And our perpetual Home.

In none other is there salvation: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:12.

Come, all ye saints of God,—Wide through the earth abroad—Spread Jesus' fame;—Tell what His love has done,—Trust in His Name alone,—Shout to His lofty throne,—"Worthy the Lamb!"

THURSDAY 2.—Gen. 12. Lu. 3:1-14.

And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto Me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward. Exodus 14:15.

Go forward, Christian soldier,—Beneath His banner true;—The Lord Himself, thy Leader,—Shall all thy foes subdue.

But Jesus, not heeding the word spoken, saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Fear not, only believe. Mark 5:36.

Yes, since God Himself hath said it,—On His promise I rely;—His good word demands my credit,—What can unbelief reply?—He is strong, and can fulfill,—He is truth, and therefore will.

FRIDAY 3.—Gen. 13. Lu. 3:15-22.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, O LORD my God, Thou art very great; Thou art clothed with honor and majesty:

Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain. Psalm 104:1, 2.

O God, Thy power is wonderful,—Thy glory passing bright;—Thy wisdom, with its deep on deep,—A rapture to the sight.

Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. Matt. 6:34.

The covenant of the King of kings—Shall stand for ever sure;—Beneath the shadow of Thy wings—Thy saints repose secure.

SATURDAY 4.—Ps. 73:23-28. Lu. 4:1-13.

Then shalt thou remember thy ways, and be ashamed, because of thy shame, when I have forgiven thee all that thou hast done, saith the Lord Jehovah. Ezek. 16:61, 63.

Not in anger, Mighty God,—Not in anger smite us;—We must perish if Thy rod—Justly should requite us.—We are naught, sin hath brought,—Lord, Thy wrath upon us,—Yet have mercy on us.

For what shall a man be profited, if he shall gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Matt. 16:26.

Ah, yield Him all; in Him confide;—Where but with Him doth peace abide?—Break loose, let earthly bonds be riven,—And let the spirit rise to heaven!

2nd Week—Sunday After New Year.

SUNDAY 5.—Epistle, 2 Tim. 4:1-8. Gospel, Lu. 12:35-40.

Remember also thy Creator in the days of thy youth, before the evil days come and the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them. Eccles. 12:1.

Go thou, in life's fair morning,—Go, in thy bloom of youth,—And seek for thine adorning—The precious pearl of truth;—Secure the heavenly treasure,—And bind it on thy heart,—And let no earthly pleasure—E'er cause it to depart.

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Matt. 18:20.

Jesus, where'er Thy people meet,—There they behold Thy mercy-seat;—Where'er they seek Thee, Thou art found,—And every place is hallowed ground.

MONDAY 6.—Epiphany.—Isa. 9·1-7. Matt. 2: 1-12.

As birds hovering, so will the LORD of hosts protect Jerusalem; He will protect and deliver it, He will pass over and preserve it. Isa. 31:5.

Strong in Thy protecting arm;—Richly Thou providest;—Feeding, resting—kept from harm—Blest the flock Thou guidest.

The word which He sent unto the children of Israel, preaching good tidings of peace by Jesus Christ: (He is Lord of all). Acts 10:36.

Convert and send forth more—Into Thy Church abroad,—And let them speak Thy word of power,—As workers with their God.—Oh! let them spread Thy name,—Their mission fully prove;—Thy universal grace proclaim,—Thine all-redeeming love.

TUESDAY 7.—Gen. 15. Lu. 4:14-30.

I have not spoken in secret, in a place of the land of darkness: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right. Isa. 45:19.

For the love of God is broader—Than the measure of man's mind;—And the heart of the Eternal—Is most wonderfully kind.

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him? Luke 11:13.

Spirit of purity and grace,—Our weakness, pitying, see;—Oh, make our hearts Thy dwelling-place,—And meet for Thee!

WEDNESDAY 8.—Gen. 17:1-8, 15-22. Lu. 4:31-44.

And they shall know that I am the LORD their God, that brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, that I might dwell among them: I am the LORD their God. Ex. 29:46.

All glory to the Sovereign Good,—And Father of compassion,—To God, our Help and Sure Abode,—

Whose gracious visitation—Renews His blessings every day,—And takes our griefs and fears away:—Give to our God the glory.

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Matt. 6:24.

Jesus, by Thy Holy Spirit—May we all instructed be;—Sanctify us by the merit—Of Thy blest humanity.—Grant that we may love Thee truly;—Lord, our thoughts and actions sway,—And to every heart more fully—Thy atoning grace display.

THURSDAY 9.—Gen. 18:1-15. Lu. 5:1-11.

Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. Isa. 53:4.

Cast thy guilty soul on Him,—Find Him mighty to redeem;—At His feet thy burden lay,—Look thy doubts and cares away;—Now by faith the Son embrace,—Plead His promise,, trust His grace.

He findeth first his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah (which is, being interpreted, Christ). He brought him unto Jesus. John 1:41, 42.

The love of Christ unfolding,—Speed on from East to West,—Till all, His Cross beholding,—In Him are fully blest.

FRIDAY 10.—Gen. 18:16-26. Lu. 5:12-26.

And the LORD smelled the sweet savor; and the LORD said in His heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for that the imagination of man's heart is evil

from his youth: neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done. Gen. 8:21.

Thy grace alone, O God,—To me can pardon speak,—Thy power alone, O Son of God,—Can this sore bondage break.

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. John 3:6.

Less of the flesh each day,—Less of the world and sin;—More of Thy Son, I pray,—More of Thyself within.—More molded to Thy will,—Lord, let Thy servant be;—Higher and higher still,—Liker and liker Thee.

SATURDAY 11.—Gen. 18:27-33. Lu. 5:27-39.

I, even I, am the LORD; and beside Me there is no Saviour. Isa. 43:11.

He that confides in his Creator,—Depending on Him all his days,—Shall be preserved in fire and water,—And saved in many dangerous ways:—He that makes God his Staff and Stay,—Builds not on sand that glides away.

Every one therefore who shall confess Me before men, him will I also confess before My Father Who is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny Me before men, him will I also deny before My Father Who is in heaven. Matt. 10:32, 33.

Ashamed of Jesus! yes, I may,—When I've no guilt to wash away,—No tear to wipe, no good to crave,—No fear to quell, no soul to save.—Till then, nor is my boasting vain,—Till then I boast a Saviour slain!—And oh, may this my glory be,—That Christ is not ashamed of me.

3rd Week—1st Sunday after Epiphany.

SUNDAY 12.—Epistle, Rom. 12:1-5. Gospel, Lu. 2:41-52.

He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust. Ps. 103:14.

'T is only in Thee hiding—I know my life secure;—Only in Thee abiding,—The conflict can endure:—Thine arm the victory gaineth—O'er every hateful foe;—Thy love my heart sustaineth—In all its care and woe.

But He said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God. Lu. 18:27.

Thou hidden Source of calm repose;—Thou all-sufficient Love divine;—My Help and Refuge from my foes,—Secure I am, for Thou art mine:—Thou art my Fortress, Strength, and Tower,—My Trust and Portion evermore.

MONDAY 13.—Gen. 19:1-7, 9-14. Ps. 2.

For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. Isa. 55:8, 9.

When all Thy mercies, O my God!—My rising soul surveys,—Transported with the view, I'm lost—In wonder, love, and praise.

The very hairs of your head are all numbered. Matt. 10:30.

Order my goings;—Direct all my doings;—As it may please Thee,—Retain or release me;—All I commit to Thy Fatherly hand.

TUESDAY 14.—Gen. 19:15-29. Lu. 6:1-11.

Thus hath the LORD of hosts spoken, saying, Execute true judgment, and show kindness and compassion every man to his brother. Zech. 7:9.

Let grace our selfishness expel,—Our earthliness refine;—And kindness in our bosoms dwell—As free and true as Thine.

They confirmed the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that through many tribulations we must enter into the kingdom of God. Acts 14:22.

O Jesus, I have promised—To serve Thee to the end;—Be Thou for ever near me,—My Master and my Friend.—I shall not fear the battle—If Thou art by my side,—Nor wander from the pathway—If Thou wilt be my Guide.

WEDNESDAY 15.—Gen. 22:1-8. Lu. 6:12-35.

And the men turned from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD. Gen. 18:22.

Pray always; pray, and never faint:—Pray, without ceasing, pray.

But He turned and rebuked them. Lu. 9:55.

By Thee I may be warned betimes;—Who knows the guile within?—Lord, save me from presumptuous crimes,—Cleanse me from secret sin.

THURSDAY 16.—Gen. 22:9-19. Lu. 6:36-49.

I the LORD search the mind, I try the heart, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings. Jerem. 17:10.

Judge me now, my God and Saviour,—Even before the judgment-day;—Then to me, my King, Thy favor—Through eternity display.

Well done, good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy lord. Matt. 25:21.

Grant we, impelléd by Thy love,—In smallest things may faithful prove;—Till we depart, we wish to be—Devoted wholly unto Thee.

FRIDAY 17.—Gen. 28:10-22. Lu. 7:1-17.

The counsel of the LORD standeth fast for ever, the thoughts of His heart to all generations. Psalm 33:11.

We praise, we worship Thee, we trust,—And give Thee thanks for ever,—O Father, that Thy rule is just—And wise, and changes never;—Thy boundless power o'er all things reigns,—Done is whate'er Thy Will ordains;—Well for us that Thou rulest.

And the power of the Lord was with Him to heal. Lu. 5:17.

Heal me, O my soul's Physician,—Wheresoe'er I'm sick or sad;—All the woes of my condition—By Thy balm be now allayed.

SATURDAY 18.—Isa. 61:1-6. Lu. 7:18-25.

This also cometh forth from the LORD of hosts, Who is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in wisdom. Isa. 28:29.

Leave to His sovereign sway—To choose and to command,—With wonder filled, thou then shalt own—How wise, how strong His hand.

All things therefore whatsoever ye would

that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them. Matt. 7:12.

They who Jesus' followers are,—And enjoy His faithful care,—By a mutual, hearty love,—Their belief in Jesus prove.

4th Week—2nd Sunday after Epiphany.

SUNDAY 19.—Epistle, Rom. 12:6-16. Gospel, John 2:1-11.

The LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before His elders shall be glory. Isa. 24:23.

Then shall Thy scepter rule, O King,—Thy word be glorified:—And God, our God, with blessings crown—His faithful Church again,—And earth's remotest bounds shall own—Him, Lord and God! Amen!

That all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father that sent him. John 5:23.

From day to day, O Lord, do we—Highly exalt and honor Thee;—Thy Name we worship and adore, —World without end, for evermore.

MONDAY 20.—Gen. 32:1-12. Ps. 3.

For in Thee, O LORD, do I hope: Thou wilt answer, O LORD my God. Ps. 38:15.

"My times are in Thy hand!"—My God, I wish them there;—My life, my friends, my soul, I leave —Entirely to Thy care.

Our Father Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Matt. 6:9.

Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth Thee;— Thou art my God, in Thee I live and move.

TUESDAY 21.—Gen. 32:22-31. Lu. 7:36-50.

And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of My people that are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their task-masters; for I know their sorrows. Ex. 3:7.

Our God is truth, most faithful is His word,—
Beyond thy strength He'll suffer no temptation:—
In all thy need He'll aid to thee afford,—A Father's
love may be thy consolation;—O hear His voice in
such kind accents cheer!—Why shouldst thou fear?

The angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: because thy supplication is heard, and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. Lu. 1:13.

Lord! we pray, and know Thou hearest,—For Thy
promises are true:—Grant the heart-wish that is
dearest;—He Who knows can also do!

WEDNESDAY 22.—Gen. 33. Lu. 8:1-15.

His visage was so marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men. Isa. 52:14.

What language shall I borrow—To thank Thee,
dearest Friend,—For this Thy dying sorrow,—Thy
pity without end?—Oh, make me Thine forever;—
And should I fainting be,—Lord, let me never, never
—Outlive my love to Thee!

Blessed is he, whosoever shall find no occasion of stumbling in Me. Matt. 11:6.

I'll glory in nothing but only in Jesus,—As wounded and bruisèd from sin to release us.

THURSDAY 23.—Gen. 35:1-15. Lu. 8:16-25.

He poured out His soul unto death. Isa. 53:12.

May Thy atoning death and passion,—Thy agony and bitter pain,—Until my final consummation,—Deep in my heart engraved remain.

He calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. John 10:3.

Jesus makes my heart rejoice,—I'm His sheep, and know His voice;—He's a Shepherd, kind and gracious,—And His pastures are delicious;—Constant love to me He shows,—Yea, my worthless name He knows.

FRIDAY 24.—Gen. 45·1-15. Lu. 8:26-39.

We have heard with our ears, O God, Our fathers have told us, What work Thou didst in their days, In the days of old. Ps. 44:1.

He His mercy doth remember,—This all they who fear Him prove:—Are we not of that blest number —Who are objects of His love?

And Jesus answering said, Were not the ten cleansed? but where are the nine? Lu. 17:17.

May I remember that to Thee—Whate'er I have I owe;—And back in gratitude from me—May all Thy bounties flow.

SATURDAY 25.—2 Kings 5:1-19a. Lu. 8·40-56.

Behold, God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions. Eccl. 7:29.

O may I harbor in my breast—No thought that cannot bear the test,—When Thou discover'st by Thy light—To me what is not right.

Follow Me; and leave the dead to bury their own dead. Matt. 8:22.

Finding, following, keeping, struggling,—Is He sure to bless?—Prophets, saints, apostles, martyrs, Answer, "Yes."

5th Week—3rd Sunday after Epiphany.

SUNDAY 26.—Epistle, Rom. 12:16-21. Gospel, Matt. 8:1-13.

But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up so that he did corruptly, and he transgressed against the LORD his God. 2 Chron. 26:16.

In the hour of trial,—Jesus, plead for me;—Lest by base denial—I depart from Thee;—When Thou see'st me waver,—With a look recall,—Nor for fear or favor—Suffer me to fall.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. Matt. 11:29.

Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin?—The blood of Jesus whispers peace within.—Peace, perfect peace, by thronging duties pressed?—To do the will of Jesus, this is rest.

MONDAY 27.—Ps. 4. Eph. 1:1-14.

And the people answered and said, Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods. Josh. 24:16.

Come then, come, O flock of Jesus,—Covenant with Him anew;—Unto Him, Who conquered for us,—Pledge we love and service true.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you. John 14:27.

Peace to keep our minds for ever—In Thy faith, Thy fear, Thy way;—Peace to keep our hearts, that never—Thought, desire nor feeling stray!—Peace to soothe in every trial,—Peace to soften self-denial,—Peace our daily cross to take—Grant us, for our Saviour's sake.

TUESDAY 28.—Gen. 46:1-7, 28-34. Lu. 9:1-17.

O give thanks unto the LORD, to Him that spread forth the earth above the waters; for His lovingkindness endureth for ever. Ps. 136:6.

Praise to Thee, Thou great Creator!—Praise to Thee from every tongue;—Join, my soul, with every creature,—Join the universal song.

The goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance. Rom. 2:4.

How can I, Lord, withhold life's brightest hour—From Thee: or gathered gold, or any power?—Why should I keep one precious thing from Thee,—When Thou hast given Thine own dear Self for me?

WEDNESDAY 29.—Gen. 47:1-12. Lu. 9:18-27.

But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that which I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD. Jonah 2:9.

Henceforth myself to Thee I give,—With single heart and eye,—To walk before Thee while I live,—And bless Thee when I die.

Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth consume, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. Matt. 6:20.

O Paradise! O Paradise!—Who doth not crave for rest!—Who would not seek the happy land—Where they that loved are blest!—Where loyal hearts and true—Stand ever in the light,—All rapture through and through,—In God's most holy sight.

THURSDAY 30.—Gen. 47:13-26. Lu. 9:28-36.

Be strong and of good courage and do it. 1 Chron. 28:20.

Let us, in life and death,—Boldly Thy truth declare,—And publish with our latest breath—Thy love and guardian care.

For every one that asketh receiveth. Matt. 7:8.

Thou art coming to a King,—Large petitions with thee bring:—For His grace and power are such,—None can ever ask too much.

FRIDAY 31.—Gen. 47:27—48:7. Lu. 9:37-50.

For I, the LORD, change not; therefore ye, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed. Mal. 3:6.

God Whom we serve, our God, can save,—Can damp the scorching flame,—Can build an ark, can smooth the wave,—For such as love His Name.

If this counsel or this work be of men, it will be overthrown: but if it is of God, ye will not be able to overthrow them. Acts 5:38, 39.

When He makes bare His arm,—What shall His work withstand?—When He His people's cause defends,—Who, who shall stay His hand!

FEBRUARY.

SATURDAY 1.—Ps. 93. Lu. 9:51-62.

Let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee; and let Thine ordinances help me. Ps. 119:175.

Let these, O God, my soul convert,—And make Thy servant wise.

My sheep hear my voice ,and I know them, and they follow Me: and I give unto them eternal life. John 10:27, 28.

Thou knowest all the present: each temptation,—Each toilsome duty, each foreboding fear;—All to

each one assigned of tribulation,—Or to belovéd ones, than self more dear;—All pensive memories, as we journey on,—Longings for vanished smiles and voices gone.—Therefore we come, Thy gentle call obeying,—And lay our sins and sorrows at Thy feet.

6th Week—4th Sunday after Epiphany.

SUNDAY 2.—Epistle, Rom. 13:1-7. Gospel, Matt. 8:23-27.

And a Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD. Isa. 59:20.

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,—Trusting only Thee!—Trusting Thee for full salvation,—Great and free.

The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldest come under my roof. Matt. 8:8.

To the soul that seeks Him Christ is gracious;—They who wait, ne'er wait in vain,—But experience Him a God propitious;—He the feeble doth sustain.

MONDAY 3.—Gen. 48:8-22. Ps. 5.

But ye shall be named the priests of the LORD: men shall call you the ministers of our God: ye shall eat the wealth of the nations, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves. Isa. 61:6.

Blest inhabitants of Zion,—Washed in the Redeemer's blood!—Jesus, Whom their souls rely on,—Makes them kings and priests to God.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Matt. 6:10.

Come, Kingdom of our God,—Sweet reign of light and love!—Shed peace and hope and joy abroad,—And wisdom from above.

TUESDAY 4.—Gen. 49:28—50:3. Lu. 10:1-16.

I will say to them that were not My people, Thou art My people; and they shall say, Thou art my God. Hosea 2:23.

My God! the covenant of Thy love—Abides for ever sure;—And in its matchless grace I feel—My happiness secure.

Remember therefore how thou hast received and didst hear; and keep it. Rev. 3:3.

Let us keep steadfast guard—With lighted hearts all night,—That when Christ comes we stand prepared,—And meet Him with delight.

WEDNESDAY 5.—Gen. 50.4-14 Lu. 10:17-24.

Make haste to help me, O LORD, my salvation. Ps. 38:22.

Jesus, Thou art my King,—To me Thy succor bring;—Christ, the Mighty One, art Thou,—Help for all on Thee is laid;—This Thy promise claim I now,—Send me down the promised aid.

I know thy works and where thou dwellest. Rev. 2:13.

God Almighty and All-seeing!—Holy One, in Whom we all—Live, and move, and have our being,—Hear us when on Thee we call.

THURSDAY 6.—Gen. 50:15-26. Lu. 10:25-42.

Sing unto the LORD, praise ye the LORD: for He hath delivered the soul of the needy from the hand of evil doers. Jerem. 20:13.

How are Thy servants blest, O Lord!—How sure
is their defence!—Eternal wisdom is their guide,—
Their hèlp, omnipotence.

And the jailor brought them out and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? Acts 16:30.

What is faith's foundation strong?—What awakes
my lips to song?—He Who bore my sinful load,—
Purchased for me peace with God,—Jesus Christ, the
Crucified.

FRIDAY 7.—Ex. 1:1-14. Lu. 11·1-13.

For Thou art my hope, O Lord God: Thou art my trust from my youth. Ps. 71:5.

Rely on God thy Saviour,—So shalt thou safe go
on;—Build on His grace and favor,—So shall thy
work be done.

And Jesus said unto them, Take heed and keep yourselves from all covetousness. Lu. 12:15.

Should our minds, to earthly objects cleaving,—
Of the mark forgetful prove?—God forbid, all earth-
ly trifles leaving,—Let us fix our thoughts above.

SATURDAY 8.—Ezek. 33:10-16. Lu. 11:14-28.

Now Joshua was old and well stricken in years; and the LORD said unto him, Thou art old and well stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be possesed. Josh. 13:1.

There's but a small beginning made,—The earth is
still o'ercast with shade.

And the Lord said unto Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace. Acts 18:9.

Teach me to show forth Thy praise,—Love and serve Thee all my days.

7th Week—5th Sunday after Epiphany.

SUNDAY 9.—Epistle, Col. 3:12-17. Gospel, Matt. 13:24-30.

The LORD is exalted; for He dwelleth on high: He hath filled Zion with justice and righteousness. Isa. 33:5.

Justice and truth maintain—Thy everlasting reign.

And as they went on their way through the cities, they delivered them the decrees to keep which had been ordained of the apostles and elders that were at Jerusalem. Acts 16:4.

Oh may Thy knowledge fill the earth;—Increase the number still—Of those who in Thy word believe, —And do Thy holy will.

MONDAY 10.—Ex. 2:1-10. Ps. 6.

If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, that is as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him. Deut. 13:6, 8.

We dare not ask to live—Henceforth from trials free;—But oh, when next they tempt us, give—More strength to cling to Thee.

Ye should walk worthily of God, who calleth you into His own kingdom and glory. 1 Thess. 2:12.

Deliver me, my God, from all that's now enchaining—My heart to carnal thoughts which war against the soul;—Secret or open sin—if there be one remaining,—It is enough to spoil and vitiate the whole.

TUESDAY 11.—Ex. 2:11-22. Lu. 11:29-36.

Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thy heart: thou shalt surely rebuke thy neighbor, and not bear sin because of him. Levit. 19:17.

Blest be the tie that binds—Our hearts in Christian love;—The fellowship of kindred minds—Is like to that above.

And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that He was eating with the sinners and publicans, said unto His disciples, How is it that He eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners? Mark 2:16.

Help me the slow of heart to move—By some clear winning word of love;—Teach me the wayward feet to stay,—And guide them in the homeward way.

WEDNESDAY 12.—Ex. 2:23—3:12. Lu. 11:37-54.

The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: The ordinances of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. Ps. 19:9.

Do thou with faith discharge thy station,—Keep God's commands, live to His praise.

If thou wouldest enter into life, keep the commandments. Matt. 19:17.

Might my thoughts, my words and whole behavior —Prove that I believe in Christ my Saviour,—Yea, my love to Jesus show—His to me in all I do.

THURSDAY 13.—Ex. 3:13-22. Lu. 12:1-12.

Except the LORD build the house, They labor in vain that build it. Ps. 127:1.

Let Thy presence go with me,—Saviour, else I dare not move;—With Thy aid and led by Thee,—I will go, constrained by love;—Serve Thy cause with all my might,—Deeming every burden light:—And if favored with success,—To Thee render all the praise.

Why stand ye here all the day idle? Matt. 20:6.

O Master let me walk with Thee—In lowly paths of service free;—Tell me Thy secret; help me bear—The strain of toil, the fret of care.

FRIDAY 14.—Ex. 4:1-17. Lu. 12:13-31.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's. Ex. 20:17.

Father! whate'er of earthly bliss—Thy sovereign will denies,—Accepted at Thy throne of grace,—Let this petition rise:—Give me a calm and thankful heart,—From every murmur free.

Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much. Lu. 7:47.

Blesséd Saviour! Thee I love,—All my other joys above:—All my hopes in Thee abide,—Thou my Hope, and naught beside:—Ever let my glory be,—Only, only, only Thee.

SATURDAY 15.—Jerem. 9:23, 24. Lu. 12:32-48.

The LORD will command the blessing upon

thee in all that thou puttest thy hand unto. Deut. 28:8.

Good is the Lord our God,—His truth and mercy sure;—While earth and heaven shall last,—His promises endure.

Abide with us; for it is toward evening, and the day is now far spent. Lu. 24:29.

Not a brief glance I beg, a passing word,—But as Thou dwelt'st with Thy disciples, Lord,—Familiar, condescending, patient, free,—Come, not to sojourn, but abide with me.

8th Week—Septuagesima.

SUNDAY 16.—Epistle, 1 Cor. 9:24—10:5. Gospel, Matt. 20:1-16.

We are strangers before Thee, and sojourners, as all our fathers were: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is no abiding. 1 Chron. 29:15.

My Jesus, as Thou wilt!—All shall be well for me;—Each changing future scene—I gladly trust with Thee:—Straight to my home above—I travel calmly on,—And sing, in life or death,—My Lord, Thy will be done!

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. John 14:2.

Look up, ye saints of God!—Nor fear to tread below—The path your Saviour trod—Of daily toil and woe;—Wait but a little while—In uncomplaining love;—His own most gracious smile—Shall welcome you above.

MONDAY 17.—Ex. 4:18-23, 27-31. Ps. 8.

And Hannah answered and said, No, my

lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I poured out my soul before the LORD. 1 Sam. 1:15.

There is no secret sigh we breathe—But meets Thine ear divine,—And every cross grows light beneath—The shadow, Lord, of Thine.

Give us this day our daily bread. Matt. 6:11.

Day by day the manna fell;—Oh, to learn this lesson well!—Still by constant mercy fed,—Give me, Lord, my daily bread.

TUESDAY 18.—Ex. 5:1-14. Lu. 12:49-59.

For the LORD God is a sun and a shield: The LORD will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly. Ps. 84:11.

O praise Jehovah! Who ofttimes hath signally blessed thee,—Showers of love sent from heaven when evil oppressed thee:—Trust in this hour—On His omnipotent power;—Loving He hastens to meet thee.

Seek ye first His kingdom, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matt. 6:33.

Be this my one great business here,—With godly jealousy and fear,—Eternal bliss to insure;—Thine utmost counsel to fulfill—To suffer all Thy righteous will,—And steadfast to the end endure.

WEDNESDAY 19.—Ex. 5:15—6:1. Lu. 13:1-9.

The LORD will render to every man his righteousness, and his faithfulness; forasmuch as the LORD delivered thee into my hand to-day,

and I would not put forth my hand against the LORD'S *anointed.* 1 Sam. 26:23.

There's a wideness in God's mercy,—Like the wideness of the sea;—There's a kindness in His justice,—Which is more than liberty.

Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured unto you. Matt. 7:1, 2.

Faith, hope, and charity, these three,—Yet is the greatest charity.

THURSDAY 20.—Ex. 6:2-13. Lu. 13:10-21.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; Who healeth all thy diseases. Ps. 103:2, 3.

Since nor end, nor bounds, nor measure—In God's mercies can be found,—Heart and hands I life with pleasure,—As a child in duty bound;—Humbly still, this grace imploring,—Thee to love with all my might;—Thee to serve both day and night.

But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns unto God. Acts 16:25.

Courage, man, be strong, be faithful,—Whatsoe'er thy burden be,—For unbounded are the glories—Which thy sorrows work for thee.

FRIDAY 21.—Ex. 6:28—7:7. Lu. 13:22-35.

Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thy heart, and hear with thine ears. Ezek. 3:10.

Speak to me by name, O Master,—Let me know it is to me;—Speak, that I may follow faster,—With a step more firm and free.

There stood by me this night an angel of the God whose I am, whom also I serve. Acts 27:23.

Though destruction walk around us,—Though the arrows past us fly,—Angel-guards from Thee surround us;—We are safe if Thou art nigh.

℣ **SATURDAY 22.**—Amos 8:9-14. Lu. 14:1-11.

Our soul hath waited for the LORD: He is our help and our shield. Ps. 33:20.

Rely on Him for preservation,—On Whom the whole creation stays:—The man that's truly wise and just,—Makes God, and God alone, his Trust.

For our light affliction, which is for the moment, worketh for us more and more exceedingly an eternal weight of glory. 2 Cor. 4:17.

Brief life is here our portion;—Brief sorrow, short-lived care;—The life that knows no ending,—The tearless life, is there:—Oh, happy retribution! —Short toil, eternal rest;—For mortals, and for sinners,—A mansion with the blest!

9th Week—Seragesima.

SUNDAY 23.—Epistle, 2 Cor. 11:19—12:9. Gospel, Lu. 8:4-15.

Say ye unto your brethren, Ammi (that is, My people); and to your sisters, Ruhamah (that is, That hath obtained mercy). Hosea 2:1.

Lord, Thou, in spite of our offences past,—And those, alas! which still in us are found,—Hast loved us, Jesus, with a love so vast,—No span can reach it, and no plummet sound.

The kingdom of God cometh not with observation. Lu. 17:20.

He to the lowly soul—Doth still Himself impart,
—And for His dwelling and His throne—Chooseth
the poor in heart.

MONDAY 24.—Ex. 10:24—11:3. Ps. 13.

With a freewill-offering will I sacrifice unto Thee: I will give thanks unto Thy name, O LORD, for it is good. Ps. 54:6.

Lord, with glowing heart I'd praise Thee—For the
bliss Thy love bestows;—For the pardoning grace
that saves me,—And the peace that from it flows.

Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. Matt. 6:12.

Forgive our sins, that they no more—May grieve
and haunt us as before,—As we forgive their tres-
passes—Who unto us have done amiss;—Thus let
us dwell in charity,—And serve each other willingly.

TUESDAY 25.—Ex. 11:4-10. Lu. 14:12-24.

Thou shalt know that I am the LORD; and they that wait for Me shall not be put to shame. Is. 49:23.

Oh, magnify the Lord with me,—With me exalt
His Name!—When in distress to Him I called,—
He to my rescue came.

All the churches shall know that I am he that searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto each one of you according to your works. Rev. 2:23.

Searcher of hearts, in mine—Thy trying power
display.

WEDNESDAY 26.—Ex. 12:1-4. 26-28. Lu. 14: 25-35.

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Thy throne: Lovingkindness and truth go before Thy face. Ps. 89:14.

Thou art the eternal Source of grace,—The Source of lasting bliss;—From Thee unto the human race—Flows all true happiness.

Your Father in heaven maketh His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sendeth rain on the just and the unjust. Matt. 5:45.

I will sing to my Creator,—Unto God I'll render praise,—Who by every thing in nature—Magnifies His tender grace.

THURSDAY 27.—Ex. 12:29-40. Lu. 15:1-10.

Fear thou not, O Zion, let not thy hands be slack. Zeph. 3:16.

Zion stands with hills surrounded,—Zion, kept by power divine;—All her foes shall be confounded,—Though the world in arms combine.

Be thou watchful, and establish the things that remain. Rev. 3:2.

Call to each waking band,—Watch, brethren, watch:—Clear is our Lord's command,—Watch, brethren, watch.

FRIDAY 28.—Ex. 12:41-51. Lu. 15:11-24.

Out of my distress I called upon the LORD: The LORD answered me and set me in a large place. Ps. 118:5.

Give to the winds thy fears,—Hope and be undismayed;—God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears,—God shall lift up thy head.

Here is the patience and the faith of the saints. Rev. 13:10.

Then, hope in God, on Him cast all thy care;—
Thy father ne'er will leave His child in danger;—
He knows thy case, O why shouldst thou despair?—
To all thy grief thy Saviour is no stranger;—He hears thy sigh, to Him tell thy complaint;—Why shouldst thou faint?

MARCH.

SATURDAY 1.—Memorial Day.—Jerem. 8:4-9. Lu. 15:25-32.

And Jonathan, Saul's son, arose, and went to David into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God. 1 Sam. 23:16.

We share our mutual woes,—Our mutual burdens bear.

I chose you, and appointed you, that ye should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide. John 15:16.

To serve the present age,—My calling to fulfill,—
Oh, may it all my powers engage,—To do my Master's will.

10th Week—Quinquagesima.

SUNDAY 2.—Epistle, 1 Cor. 13:1-13. Gospel, Lu. 18:31-43.

Seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried captive, and pray unto the LORD for it; for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace. Jerem. 29:7.

Peace in our hearts, our evil thoughts assuaging,
—Peace in Thy Church, where brothers are engaging,—Peace, when the world its busy war is waging;
—Send us, O Saviour.

As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth may in Him have eternal life. John 3:14, 15.

For our transgressions Thou wast wounded,—Our sins, O Lord, on Thee were laid;—Thy sufferings (oh, what love unbounded!)—For guilty man the debt have paid.

MONDAY 3.—Ex. 13:1-10. Ps. 14.

But now, O LORD, Thou art our Father; we are the clay, and Thou our potter; and we all are the work of Thy hand. Is. 64:8.

Thou comprehend'st Him not,—Yet earth and heaven tell,—God sits as Sovereign on the throne,—
He ruleth all things well.

Bring us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. Matt. 6:13.

Lead me not, for flesh is frail,—Where fierce trials would assail;—Leave me not in darkened hour,—To withstand the tempter's power.

TUESDAY 4.—Ex. 13:17-22. Lu. 16:1-13.

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was a hus-

band unto them, saith the LORD. Jerem. 31: 31, 32.

Since we, though unworthy,—Through electing grace,—'Midst Thy ransomed people—Have obtained a place;—Lord, may we be faithful—To our covenant found.

I came not to call the righteous, but sinners. Matt. 9:13.

All hallowed be our walk this day;—May meekness form our earliest ray,—And faithful love our noontide light,—And hope our sunset, calm and bright.

WEDNESDAY 5.—Ash Wednesday.—Joel 2: 12-17. Matt. 6:16-21.

Lo, all these things doth God work, Twice, yea thrice, with a man, To bring back his soul from the pit, That he may be enlightened with the light of the living. Job 33:29, 30.

More purity give me, more strength to o'ercome; —More freedom from earth-stains, more longings for home.

Jesus said, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. Lu. 23:34.

Hark, His dying word: "Forgive:—Father, let the sinner live;—Sinner, wipe thy tears away,—I thy ransom freely pay."

THURSDAY 6.—Ex. 14:1-9. Lu. 17:1-19.

Keep me as the apple of the eye; Hide me under the shadow of Thy wings. Ps. 17:8.

I call to recollection—The years of His right hand, —And, strong in His protection,—Again through faith I stand.

I commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you the inheritance among all them that are sanctified. Acts 20:32.

'T is the most blest and needful part—To have in Christ a share,—And to commit our way and heart —Unto His faithful care:—This done, our steps are safe and sure,—Our hearts' desires are rendered pure,—And naught can pluck us from His hand,—Which leads us to the end.

FRIDAY 7.—Ex. 14:10-20. Lu. 17:20-37.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion, and His kingdom from generation to generation. Dan. 4:34.

He shall reign from pole to pole,—With illimitable sway;—He shall reign, when like a scroll—Yonder heavens have passed away.

This is My commandment, that ye love one another, even as I have loved you. John 15:12.

Grant, Lord, that with Thy direction,—"Love each other," we comply,—Aiming with unfeigned affection—Thy love to exemplify:—Let our mutual love be glowing:—Thus will all men plainly see,—That we, as on one stem growing—Living branches are in Thee.

SATURDAY 8.—Ex. 14:21-31. Lu. 18:1-14.

For He will give His angels charge over thee, To keep thee in all thy ways. Ps. 91:11

Oh give Thine angels charge, good Lord—Us safely in Thy way to guard.

Thomas therefore, who is called Didymus,

said unto his fellow-disciples, Let us also go, that we may die with Him. John 11:16.

May Thy rich grace impart—Strength to my fainting heart;—My zeal inspire.

11th Week—1st Sunday in Lent.

SUNDAY 9.—Epistle, 2 Cor. 6:1-10. Gospel, Matt. 4:1-11.

But ye that did cleave unto Jehovah your God are alive every one of you this day. Deut. 4:4.

Lord, by Thy Spirit us prepare—To follow Thy command,—To execute Thy utmost aim,—And in Thy presence stand,—As servants willing to be used, —Who in Thy work delight.

On the morrow he seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold, the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world! John 1:29.

The holy, spotless Lamb of God,—Who freely gave His life and blood,—For all my numerous sins to atone,—I for my Lord and Saviour own.

MONDAY 10.—Ex. 15:1-19. Ps. 16.

The Lord appeared unto Isaac the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham, thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake. Gen. 26:24.

Gracious Lord, may we believe:—Venture all on Thy free grace;—Boldly things not seen achieve,—Trusting in Thy promises.

And the Lord said unto Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak and hold not thy peace: for I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to harm thee: for I have much people in this city. Acts 17:9:10.

Warrior, at thy station stand,—Faithful to thy Saviour's call,—With the shield of faith in hand,—Fearless, let what may befall.

TUESDAY 11.—Ex. 15:20-27. Lu. 18:15-30.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid? Ps. 27:1.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take,—The clouds you so much dread—Are big with mercy, and shall break—In blessings on your head.

Peter saith unto Him, Even if I must die with Thee, yet will I not deny Thee. Likewise also said all the disciples. Matt. 26:35.

How great at last my joy will be,—If I have faithful provéd—To Christ, and 'midst adversity—Till my last breath Him lovéd.

WEDNESDAY 12.—Ex. 16:1-10 Lu. 19:1-10.

O LORD, Thou hast pleaded the causes of my soul; Thou hast redeemed my life. Lam. 3:58.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want,—All in all in Thee I find.

Looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave Himself for us, that

He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a people for His own possession, zealous of good works. Titus 2· 13-14.

"Till He come:" oh, let the words—Linger on the trembling chords;—Let the little while between—In their golden light be seen,—Let us think how heaven and home—Lie beyond that—"Till He come."

THURSDAY 13.—Ex. 16.11-20. Lu. 19:11-27.

Who is God like unto Thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth over the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? He retaineth not his anger for ever, because He delighteth in lovingkindness. Micah 7:18.

Praise ye Jehovah! for His lovingkindness—And all the tender mercy He hath shown;—Praise Him Who pardons all our sin and blindness,—And calls us sons, and takes us for His own.

Blessed are they that are bidden to the marriage supper of the Lamb. Rev. 19:9.

Hath He joined us with the Church, sojourning—Here on earth, may we abide—With loins girt, feet shod, and lamps bright-burning,—As He comes to call His bride:—Watching, praying, wrestling with temptation,—Waiting, hoping, looking for salvation, —May we to the end endure,—Making our election sure.

FRIDAY 14.—Ex. 16:21-36. Lu 19:28-40.

Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at them, lest I dismay thee before them. Jerem. 1:17.

If our all on Christ we venture,—And, while we on Him rely,—On the hardest trials enter,—Needful strength He will supply.

He sent forth his servant at supper-time to say to them that were bidden, Come, for all things are now ready. Lu. 14:17.

Eat and rest at this great feast,—Then to serve Him freely go.

SATURDAY 15.—Ex. 17:1-7. Lu. 19:41-48.

The great, the mighty God, the LORD of hosts is His name; great in counsel, and mighty in work; whose eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men, to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings. Jerem. 32:18, 19.

Lo! Thou hast set before Thine eyes—All our misdeeds and errors;—Our secret sins from darkness rise—At Thine awakening terrors;—Who shall abide the trying hour?—Who knows the thunder of Thy power?—We flee unto Thy mercy.

My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass away from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou wilt. Matt. 26:39.

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered—Was all for sinners' gain;—Mine, mine was the transgression,—But Thine the deadly pain.

12th Week—2nd Sunday in Lent.

☉ **SUNDAY 16.**—Epistle, 1 Thess. 4.1-7. Gospel, Matt. 15:21-28.

Wait for the LORD, and He will save thee. Prov. 20:22.

Commit thou every grievance—Into His faithful hands,—To His sure care and guidance,—Who heaven and earth commands.

Jesus answered, I told you that I am He: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way. John 18:8.

Thy love in sorrow be my gladness,—In weakness be Thy love my strength.

MONDAY 17.—Ex. 17:8-16. Ps. 18:1-7, 31-36.

Now therefore fear the LORD and serve Him in sincerity and in truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD. Josh. 24:14.

Take my life, and let it be—Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service. Rom. 12:1.

This is a service which ye owe,—And reasonably due;—For ye are not your own, ye know,—But Christ hath purchased you.

TUESDAY 18.—Ex. 18:1-12. Lu. 20.1-18.

According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, and My Spirit abode among you: fear ye not. Haggai 2:5.

O be not thou dismayéd,—Believing little band;—God, in His might arrayéd,—To help thee is at hand.

Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world. John 18:36.

Thee earth's Heir and Lord we own;—Raise again its fallen throne;—Take its everlasting crown.

WEDNESDAY 19.—Ex. 18·13-27. Lu. 20:19-36.

In that day will the LORD of hosts become a crown of glory, and a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of His people. Is. 28:5.

Praise Him Who will with glory crown the lowly, —And with salvation beautify the meek.

Ye believe not, because ye are not of My sheep. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. John 10:26, 27.

None can conceive the grace with them prevailing, —Who Jesus' shepherd-voice obey and know:—He banishes all fear and strife,—And leads them gently on to everlasting life.

THURSDAY 20.—Ex. 19:1-14. Lu. 20:27-40.

All that the LORD hath spoken will we do, and be obedient. Ex. 24:7.

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways,—To keep His statutes still!—Oh, that my God would grant me grace—To know and do His will!

I pray not that Thou shouldest take them from the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil one. John 17:15.

Lord, strengthen Thou my heart;—To me such grace impart—That naught which may await me— From Thee may separate me.

FRIDAY 21.—Ex. 19:16-25. Lu. 20:41—21:4.

I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Thy servant. Ps. 119:176.

I need Thy presence every passing hour:—What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?—Who like Thyself my Guide and Stay can be?—Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.

Sanctify them in the truth: Thy word is truth. John 17:17.

Order my footsteps by Thy word,—And make my heart sincere;—Let sin have no dominion, Lord,—But keep my conscience clear.

SATURDAY 22.—Jer. 26:1-15. Lu. 21:5-19.

Surely God is good to Israel, Even to such as are pure in heart. Ps. 73:1.

Blest are the pure in heart,—For they shall see their God;—The secret of the Lord is theirs;—Their soul is Christ's abode.

He that is mighty hath done to me great things; And holy is His name. Lu. 1:49.

Praise the Lord, His mercies trace;—Praise His providence and grace,—All that He for man hath done,—All He sends us through His Son.

13th Week—3rd Sunday in Lent.

SUNDAY 23.—Epistle, Eph. 5:1-9. Gospel, Lu. 11:14-28.

Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous; And shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart. Ps. 32:11.

Saints below, with heart and voice,—Still in songs of praise rejoice;—Learning here, by faith and love,—Songs of praise to sing above.

But Jesus held His peace, and the high priest said unto Him, I adjure thee by the living God, that Thou tell us whether Thou art the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said. Matt. 26:63, 64.

He is coming, He is coming,—Not in pain, and shame, and woe,—With the thorn-crown on His forehead,—And the blood-drops trickling slow;—But with diadem upon Him—And the scepter in His hand,—And the dead all ranged before Him,—Raised from death, and sea, and land.

MONDAY 24.—Ex. 20:1-17. Ps. 19.

Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight. Isa. 5:21.

We ask for wisdom: Lord, impart—The knowledge how to live.

Every one therefore that heareth these words of Mine, and doeth them, shall be likened unto a wise man, who built his house upon the rock. Matt. 7:24.

Be Thou my Teacher, Thou my Guide;—May all I read be well applied;—My danger and my refuge show,—And let me Thy salvation know.

TUESDAY 25.—Ex. 20:18-24. Lu. 21:20-28.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean. Ezek. 36:25.

Cleanse our hearts from sinful folly—In the stream Thy love supplied.

To you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as

the Lord our God shall call unto Him. Acts 2:39.

Baptize the nations; far and nigh—The triumph of the Cross record;—The Name of Jesus glorify,—Till every kindred call Him Lord.

WEDNESDAY 26.—Ex. 23:1-33. 1 John 1.

O Lord, Thou hast searched me and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising; Thou understandest my thought afar off. Ps. 139:1, 2.

My case to Thee is fully known,—On Thee I cast my care.

My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me? Matt. 27:46.

Praise for every scene distressing,—Praise for all Thou didst endure,—Praise for every gift and blessing,—Which Thy griefs for us procure.

THURSDAY 27.—Ex. 24:1-8. 1 John 2:1-11.

Assyria shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses; neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, Ye are our gods; for in Thee the fatherless find mercy. Hosea 14:3.

In the faith, O make me steadfast;—Let not Satan, death or shame—Of my confidence deprive me;—Lord, my refuge is Thy Name.—When the flesh inclines to ill,—Let Thy grace prove stronger still.

The Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter went out, and wept bitterly. Lu. 22:61, 62.

Tender Shepherd, never leave us—From Thy fold to go astray;—By Thy look of love directed,—May

we walk the narrow way;—Thus direct us and protect us,—Lest we fall to sin a prey.

FRIDAY 28.—Ex. 24:9-18. 1 John 2:12-17.

Wilt Thou not quicken us again, That Thy people may rejoice in Thee? Ps. 85:6.

Come as the wind; with rushing sound—And pentecostal grace,—That all, of woman born, may see—The glory of Thy face.

And be not afraid of them that kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul. Matt. 10:28.

Fear not, O little Flock, the foe—Who madly seeks your overthrow;—Dread not his rage and power;—What though your courage sometimes faints,—His seeming triumph o'er God's saints—Lasts but a little hour.

SATURDAY 29.—Is. 52:7-10. 1 John 2:18-29.

So we Thy people and sheep of Thy pasture will give Thee thanks for ever: We will show forth Thy praise to all generations. Ps. 79:13.

I'll praise Thee with my heart and tongue,—O Lord, my soul's Delight,—Declaring to the world in song—Thy glory, praise, and might.

Now, Lord, grant unto Thy servants to speak Thy word with all boldness. Acts 4:29.

While looking to Jesus, my heart cannot fear;—I tremble no more when I see Jesus near.

14th Week—4th Sunday in Lent.

SUNDAY 30.—Epistle, Gal. 4:21-31. Gospel, John 6:1-15.

And, behold, the LORD stood above it. In

thee, and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. Gen. 28:13, 14.

"I'll bless thee and thou shalt be set for a blessing,"—Thus saith the Lord, "to all around;"—Oh, may we, in grace and in number increasing,—In faith which works by love abound:—Upon Thy grace founded immovably,—And rooted and grounded in love to Thee;—Thus shall we in doctrine, in word and behavior,—To others of life unto life prove a savor.

Pilate therefor said unto Him, Art Thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end have I been born, and to this end am I come into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. John 18:37.

Mighty Victor, reign for ever,—Wear the crown so dearly won;—Never shall Thy people, never,—Cease to sing what Thou hast done.

MONDAY 31.—Ex. 32:1-14. Ps. 24.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee; because he trusteth in Thee. Isa. 26:3.

Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown?—Jesus we know, and He is on the throne.

Son, be of good cheer; thy sins are forgiven. Matt. 9:2.

Obedient faith, that waits on Thee,—Thou never wilt reprove.

APRIL

TUESDAY 1.—Ex. 32:15-24. 1 John 3.1-12.

The remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward. Isa. 37:31.

'Mid the trials we experience—May we not give way to fears.

I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same beareth much fruit: for apart from Me ye can do nothing. John 15:5.

He is the Vine; His heavenly Root—Supplies each branch with life and fruit;—Oh may a lasting union join—My soul to Christ, the living Vine.

WEDNESDAY 2.—Ex. 32:25-35. 1 John 3:13-24.

Thou wilt show me the path of life: In Thy presence is fulness of joy; In Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore. Ps. 16:11.

There is a land of pure delight—Where saints immortal reign;—Infinite day excludes the night,—And pleasures banish pain.

After this Jesus saith, I thirst. John 19:28.

Thanks for Thy thirst, O Prince of peace,—When hanging on the tree:—What a divine refreshment this—To souls athirst for Thee.

THURSDAY 3.—Ex. 33:12-23. 1 John 4:1-11.

Oh, visit me with Thy salvation, that I may see the prosperity of Thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of Thy nation, that I

may glory with Thine inheritance. Ps. 106: 4, 5.

O Thou, Whose goodness words can ne'er express,—Daily lift up on us Thy loving face,—Let Thy gracious presence surround us ever,—As though our longing eyes enjoyed the favor—Thee to behold.

Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in Thy sight: I am no more worthy to be called Thy son. Lu. 15:21.

Lord, I am come! Thy promise is my plea,—Without Thy words I durst not venture nigh!—But Thou hast called the burdened soul to Thee,—A weary, burdened soul, O Lord, am I!

FRIDAY 4.—Ex. 34:1-14. 1 John 4:12-21.

The LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall annul it? and His hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back? Is. 14:27.

God sits as sovereign on the throne;—He ruleth all things well.

When He drew nigh, He saw the city and wept over it. Lu. 19:41.

Mourn whene'er thou hast forgot—Him, Whose great compassion—Never fails, Whose blood hath bought—Thy complete salvation.

SATURDAY 5.—Num. 21:4-9. 1 John 5:1-12.

I will seek that which was lost, and will bring back that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick. Ezek. 34:16.

Friend of the friendless and the faint,—Where should I lodge my deep complaint?—Where but with Thee, Whose open door—Invites the helpless and the poor?

If thou hadst known in this day, even thou, the things which belong unto peace! Lu. 19·42.

The Spirit calls to-day;—Yield to His saving power;—Oh, do not grieve Him now away,—'T is mercy's tender hour.

15th Week—5th Sunday in Lent.

SUNDAY 6.—Epistle, Heb. 9:11-15. Gospel, John 8:46-59.

And God remembered Noah. Gen. 8:1

"Day by day" the promise reads,—Daily strength for daily needs.

They cried out all together, saying, Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas. Lu. 23:18.

Lord, Thy deep humiliation—Has atoned for all my pride.

MONDAY 7.—Ex. 34:27-35. 1 John 5:13-21.

They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of Thy house; and Thou wilt make them drink of the river of Thy pleasures Ps. 36:8.

The daily favors of my God—I cannot sing at large;—Yet humbly can I make this boast,—I am the Almighty's charge.

His mercy is unto generations and generations on them that fear Him. Lu. 1:50.

While successive years are wasting,—Still our God abides the same;—All His words are everlasting,—All His works His love proclaim.

TUESDAY 8.—Num. 6:22-27. Lu. 22:1-23.

I will be yet more vile than this, and will be base in mine own sight. 2 Sam. 6:22.

Though by nature I'm defiléd,—Jesus' blood hath made me clean.

I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth. John 8:50.

Glory be to Him Who loved us,—Washed us from each spot and stain!—Glory be to Him Who bought us,—Made us kings with Him to reign!—Glory, glory.—To the Lamb That once was slain!

WEDNESDAY 9.—Num. 10:29—11:9. Lu. 22: 24-38.

The LORD will command His lovingkindness in the day-time; And in the night His song shall be with me, even a prayer unto the God of my life. Ps. 42:8.

We are the Lord's; no darkness brooding o'er us —Can make us tremble, while this star affords—A steady light along the path before us—Faith's full assurance that we are the Lord's.

Jesus said, It is finished: and He bowed His head, and gave up His spirit. John 19:30.

'T is finished! Son of God, Thy power—Hath triumphed in this awful hour;—And yet our eyes with sorrow see—That life to us was death to Thee.

THURSDAY 10.—Num. 11:10-23. Lu. 22:39-53.

How precious is Thy lovingkindness, O God! And the children of men take refuge under the shadow of Thy wings. Ps. 36:7.

Father, Thy everlasting peace—Our scanty thought surpasses far.

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away. Matt. 24:35.

Fixed on this ground will I remain,—Though my heart fail and strength decay;—This anchor shall my soul sustain,—When earth's foundations melt away:—Mercy's full power I then shall prove,—Loved with an everlasting love.

FRIDAY 11.—Num. 11:24-35. Lu. 22:54-65.

Before destruction the heart of man is haughty; And before honor goeth humility. Prov. 18:12.

Oh, keep me contrite, low and poor;—Thus shall I praise Thee evermore;—Myself thrice blesséd I can call,—When I am naught and Thou my All.

Behooved it not the Christ to suffer these things, and to enter into His glory? Lu. 24:26.

Oh ponder this, my soul:—Our God hath loved us thus—That e'en His only dearest Son—He freely giveth us.—Thou precious Gift of God,—The Pledge and Bond of love!—With thankful heart I kneel to take—This Treasure from above.

SATURDAY 12.—Zech. 9:8-12. Lu. 22:66—23:12.

As for me, my prayer is unto Thee, O LORD, in an acceptable time: O God, in the abundance of Thy lovingkindness, answer me in the truth of Thy salvation. Ps. 69:13.

Look from the height of heaven, and send to cheer us—Thy light and truth, and guide us onward still;—Still let Thy mercy, as of old, be near us,—And lead us safely to Thy holy hill.

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Myself. John 12:32.

In the Cross of Christ I glory,—Towering o'er the wrecks of time;—All the light of sacred story—Gathers round its head sublime.

16th Week—Palm Sunday.

SUNDAY 13.—Epistle, Phil. 2:5-11. Gospel, Matt. 21:1-11.

I will raise up unto them a plantation for renown, and they shall be no more consumed with famine in the land, neither bear the shame of the nations any more. Ezek. 34:29.

O Lord, my Redeemer, grant that I may rest,—Where saints are no longer by suffering oppressed.

If any one ask you, Why do ye loose him? thus shall ye say, The Lord hath need of him. Lu. 19:31.

Take my lips, and let them be—Filled with messages from Thee,—Take my silver and my gold,—Not a mite would I withhold;—Take my moments and my days,—Let them flow in ceaseless praise,—Take my intellect, and use—Every power as Thou shalt choose.

☺ **MONDAY 14.**—Num. 12:1-11, 13-15. Ps. 22:1-8, 11-21.

If I say, Surely the darkness shall overwhelm me, And the light about me shall be night; Even the darkness hideth not from Thee, But the night shineth as the day: The darkness and the light are both alike to Thee. Ps. 139:11, 12.

O let me feel Thee near me;—The world is ever near.

Go ye therefore unto the partings of the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage feast. Matt. 22:9.

Fly abroad, thou mighty gospel!—Win and conquer, never cease;—May thy lasting, wide dominion —Multiply and still increase.

TUESDAY 15.—Num. 13:1-3, 17-33. Lu. 23:13-25.

Thou hast granted me life and lovingkindness; And Thy visitation hath preserved my spirit. Job 10:12.

Thou River of life dost refresh heart and mind, —Those whom Thou enrichest eternal good find.

To-day is salvation come to this house. Lu. 19:9.

Eternal thanks be Thine,—Author of our salvation;—Thou didst our hearts incline—To accept Thy invitation.

WEDNESDAY 16.—Num. 14:1-19. Lu. 23:26-32.

Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and declare unto My people their transgression, and to the house of Jacob their sins. Is. 58:1.

Haste, O haste! and spread the tidings—Wide to earth's remotest strand;—Let no brother's bitter chidings—Rise against us when we stand—In the judgment,—From some far, forgotten land.

Jesus knowing that His hour was come that He should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved His own that were in the world, He loved them unto the end. John 13:1.

His is an unchanging love,—Higher than the heights above,—Deeper than the depths beneath,— Free and faithful, strong as death.

THURSDAY 17.—Maundy Thursday.—Num. 14: 20-38. Lu. 23:33-49.

Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it: Ransom me because of mine enemies. Ps. 69:18.

Heal me, O my Saviour, heal;—Heal me, as I suppliant kneel;—Heal me, and my pardon seal.

And as they were eating, He took bread, and when He had blessed, He brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take ye: this is My body. And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave to them: and they all drank of it. And He said unto them, This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Mark 14:22-24.

Thou bruised and broken Bread,—My life-long wants supply;—As living souls are fed,—O feed me or I die.

FRIDAY 18.—Good Friday.—Is. 52:13—53:12. Heb. 10: 1-25.

In the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the glowing sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water. Is 35:6, 7.

Oh, happy day! that fixed my choice—On Thee, my Saviour and my God;—Well may this glowing heart rejoice,—And tell its raptures all abroad.

And Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit. Lu. 23:46.

By Thy bitter agony,—By Thy life poured out for

me,—O, let me, a sinner, find—In my God a friend most kind.

SATURDAY 19.—Great Sabbath.—Ps. 118:14-24. Lu. 23:49-56.

Turn ye unto Him from Whom ye have deeply revolted, O children of Israel. Is. 31:6.

My soul, obey the gracious call,—And haste to gain relief.

Even as the Father knoweth Me, and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. John 10:15.

Thou becam'st a curse, dear Saviour,—To restore me to God's favor;—Thousand, thousand thanks to Thee,—Dearest Lord, for ever be.

17th Week—Easter Sunday.

SUNDAY 20.—Epistle, 1 Cor. 5:6-8. Gospel, Mark 16:1-8.

I will give thanks unto Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: Wonderful are Thy works; And that my soul knoweth right well. Ps. 139:14.

We are the Lord's; then let us gladly tender—Our souls to Him, in deeds, not empty words;—Let heart and tongue, and life combine to render—No doubtful witness that we are the Lord's.

Fear not; I am the first and the last, and the Living one; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades. Rev. 1:17, 18.

The Lord is risen again,—Who on the cross did bleed;—He lives to die no more, Amen;—The Lord

is risen indeed;—He truly tasted death—For wretched, fallen men;—In bitter pangs resigned His breath;—But now is risen again.

MONDAY 21.—Acts 10:34-41. Lu. 24:13-35.

He trusted in the LORD, the God of Israel. For he clave to the LORD; he departed not from following Him, but kept His commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses. And the LORD was with him; whithersoever he went forth he prospered. 2 Kings 18:5-7.

Make me to walk in Thy commands,—'Tis a delightful road;—Nor let my head, or heart, or hands,—Offend against my God.

Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen. Lu. 24:5, 6.

Sing praises to our risen Lord;—Life, immortality,—And lasting bliss are now restored—For all, for you and me:—Believe the wondrous deed, my soul,—Adore His saving name;—Rejoice, ye saints, from pole to pole—His love and power proclaim.

TUESDAY 22.—Num. 20:1-12, 22-29. Lu. 24:36-53.

The earth is the LORD's and the fulness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein. Ps. 24:1.

Indeed the Lord our God is good,—His mercy is for ever sure;—His truth at all times firmly stood,—And shall from age to age endure.

The God that made the world and all things therein, He, being Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in the temples made with hands. Acts 17:24.

As in Thy temple, keep Thou residence—Within our soul and never part from thence,—Until we're fitted and prepared by Thee—Life to exchange for immortality.

WEDNESDAY 23.—Num. 21:1-9. Heb. 1.

A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him: thousands of thousands ministered upon Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened. Dan. 7:10.

Before Thou shalt as Judge appear,—Plead as my Intercessor,—And on that awful day declare—That I am Thy confessor.

The kingdom of the world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ: and He shall reign for ever and ever. Rev. 11:15.

He shall reign from pole to pole,—With illimitable sway;—He shall reign, when like a scroll—Yonder heavens have pased away.—Then the end; beneath His rod—Man's last enemy shall fall:—Hallelujah! Christ in God,—God in Christ, is All in All!

THURSDAY 24.—Num. 22:1-21. Heb. 2:1-8.

For Thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: Evil shall not sojourn with Thee. Ps. 5:4.

With this polluted heart—I dare to come to Thee, —Holy and mighty as Thou art,—For Thou wilt pardon me.

Understandest thou what thou readest? Acts 5:30.

O teach us all Thy perfect will—To understand

and to fulfill;—When human insight fails, give light;—This will direct our steps aright.

FRIDAY 25.—Num. 22:22-41. Heb. 2:9-18.

The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive, And he shall be blessed upon the earth. Ps. 41:2.

Let goodness and mercy, my bountiful God!—Still follow my steps till I meet Thee above;—I seek, by the path which my forefathers trod—Through the land of their sojourn, Thy Kingdom of love.

Be ye merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Lu. 6:36.

Make us all one heart and mind,—Courteous, pitiful and kind,—Lowly, meek in thought and word,—As Thou wast on earth, O Lord.

SATURDAY 26.—Num. 23:7-30. Heb. 3:1-14.

Ye shall not tempt the Lord your God. Deut. 6:16.

By Thy Spirit me reprove,—All my inmost sins reveal;—Sins against Thy light and love—Let me see, and let me feel.

But Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God. Lu. 9:62.

He who well endureth—Bright reward secureth.

18th Week—1st Sunday after Easter.

SUNDAY 27.—Epistle, 1 John 5:4-12. Gospel, John 20:19-31.

O Lord, save Thy people, the remnant of Israel. Jerem. 31:7.

See the Lord, thy Keeper, stand—Omnipotently near!—Lo! He holds thee by the hand,—And banishes thy fear;—Shadows with His wings thy head;—Guards from all impending harms,—Round thee and beneath are spread—The everlasting arms.

Yet a little while, and the world beholdeth Me no more: but ye behold Me; because I live, ye shall live also. John 14:19.

A little while, though parted,—Remember, wait, and love,—Until He comes in glory,—Until we meet above.

MONDAY 28.—Num. 24:1-17, 25. Ps. 25.

Be not wroth very sore, O LORD, neither remember iniquity forever: behold, look, we beseech Thee, we are all Thy people. Is. 64:9.

Lo! with deep contrition turning,—Humbly at Thy feet we bend;—Hear us, fasting, praying, mourning;—Hear us, spare us, and defend.

That disciple therefore whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. John 21:7.

Jesus, Thyself to us reveal,—Grant that we may not only feel—Some drawings of Thy grace,—But in communion with Thee live.

TUESDAY 29.—Deut. 4:1-14. Heb. 4:1-13.

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Ps. 46:7.

Frail children of dust,—And feeble as frail,—In Thee do we trust,—Nor find Thee to fail;—Thy mercies how tender,—How firm to the end,—Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.

According to your faith be it done unto you. Matt. 9:29.

We walk by faith of joys to come,—Faith lives upon His word.

WEDNESDAY 30.—Deut. 4:20-31. Heb. 4:14—5:10.

Declare His glory among the nations, His marvellous works among all the peoples. Ps. 96:3.

Tell it out among the nations—That the Lord is king.

I will not leave you desolate. John 14:18.

Our blest Redeemer, ere He breathed—His tender, last farewell,—A Guide, a Comforter bequeathed,—With us to dwell.

MAY.

THURSDAY 1.—Deut. 4:32-40. Heb. 5:11—6:8.

I bring near My righteousness, it shall not be far off, and My salvation shall not tarry; and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel My glory. Is. 43:13.

The tide of time shall never—His covenant remove;—His Name stall stand for ever,—That Name to us is Love.

Ye shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:8.

So shall our lives Thy power proclaim,—Thy grace for every sinner free,—Till all mankind shall know Thy Name,—Shall all stretch out their hands to Thee.

FRIDAY 2.—Deut. 5:1-21. Heb. 6:9-20.

Feed Thy people with Thy rod, the flock of Thy heritage, which dwell solitarily, in the forest in the midst of Carmel: let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old. Micah 7:14.

O Thou Whom we adore!—To bless our earth again,—Assume Thine own almighty power,—And o'er the nations reign.

Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid. Matt. 14:27.

O be not thou dismayéd,—Believing little band;—God, in His might arrayéd,—To help thee is at hand. —Upon His palms engraven—Thy name is ever found;—He knows, Who dwells in heaven,—The ills that thee surround.

SATURDAY 3.—Ps. 23. Heb. 7:1-7, 22-28.

And Jerusalem shall be called The city of truth; and the mountain of Jehovah of hosts, The holy mountain. Zech. 8:3.

Hail to the brightness of Zion's glad morning,—Long by the prophets of Israel foretold;—Hail to the millions from bondage returning;—Gentile and Jew the blest vision behold.

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. Mk. 14:38.

I need Thy presence every passing hour:—What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?—Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?—Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

19th Week—2nd Sunday after Easter.

SUNDAY 4.—Epistle, 1 Pet. 2:19-25. Gospel, John 10:11-16.

Good and upright is the LORD: Therefore will He instruct sinners in the way. Ps. 25:8.

Almighty God, our hearts incline—Thy heavenly voice to hear.

Grace to you and peace, from Him Who is and Who was and Who is to come. Rev. 1:4.

Grace led my wandering feet—To tread the heavenly road;—And new supplies each hour I meet,—While pressing on to God.

MONDAY 5.—Deut. 5:22-33. Ps. 26.

There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked. Is. 57:21.

The world can never give—The rest, for which we sigh;—'T is not the whole of life to live,—Nor all of death to die.

Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, that they are white already unto harvest. John 4:35.

Hark, the voice of Jesus crying:—"Who will go and work today?—Fields are white, and harvests waiting,—Who will bear the sheaves away?"—Loud and long the Master calleth,—Rich reward He offers free:—Who will answer, gladly saying:—"Here am I, send me, send me?"

TUESDAY 6.—Deut. 6:1-9. Heb. 8.

The spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. Is. 61:2.

He comes, with succor speedy,—To those who suffer wrong;—To help the poor and needy,—And bid the weak be strong;—To give them songs for sighing,—Their darkness turn to light,—Whose souls, condemned and dying,—Were precious in His sight.

Behold, I send forth the promise of My Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city, until ye be clothed with power from on high. Lu. 24:49.

Now, O Lord! fulfill Thy pleasure,—Breathe upon Thy chosen band.—And, with pentecostal measure,—Send forth reapers o'er the land,—Faithful reapers, —Gathering sheaves for Thy right hand.

WEDNESDAY 7.—Deut. 6:10-19. Heb. 9:1-15.

And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdsmen and thy herdsmen; for we are brethren. Gen. 13:8.

Let all who love the Lord join hands—To aid the common good,—And knit more close the sacred bands—Of Christian brotherhood.

Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. Lu. 12:1.

Oh for a principle within—Of jealous, godly fear! —Oh for a tender dread of sin—A pain to feel it near!

THURSDAY 8.—Deut. 7:1-11. Heb. 9:16-28.

He will raise us up, and we shall live before Him. Hosea 6:2.

Kindle within us and preserve that fire,—Which may with holy love our breasts inspire,—And with an active zeal our minds inflame,—To do Thy will and glorify Thy Name.

Except one be born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God. John 3:3.

"Ye must be born again!"—Or never enter heav-

en;—'Tis only blood-washed ones are there,—The ransomed and forgiven.

FRIDAY 9.—Deut. 7:12-21. Heb. 10:1-18.

I will be his father, and he shall be My son. 2 Sam. 7:14.

Not in anger, mighty God,—Not in anger smite us;—We must perish if Thy rod—Justly should requite us.

If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. John 15:10.

Jesus calls us! By Thy mercies,—Saviour, may we hear Thy call;—Give our hearts to Thy obedience,——Serve and love Thee best of all!

SATURDAY 10.—Isa. 40: 26-31. Heb. 10:19-31.

How great are His signs! and how mighty are His wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom ,and His dominion is from generation to generation. Dan. 4:3.

Justice and truth maintain—Thy everlasting reign;—One in majesty divine,—With Thy Father on His throne,—King of kings, let all combine,—Gratefully Thy sway to own.

He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end. Lu. 1:33.

Zion's King shall reign victorious,—All the earth shall own His sway;—He will make His kingdom glorious,—He shall reign in endless day.

20th Week—3rd Sunday after Easter.

SUNDAY 11.—Epistle, 1 Pet. 2:11-17. Gospel, John 16:16-23.

But I am poor and needy; Make haste unto me, O God: Thou art my help and my deliverer; O Jehovah, make no tarrying. Ps. 70:5.

I look to Thee in every need,—And never look in vain;—I feel Thy strong and tender love,—And all is well again.

Who shall not fear, O LORD, and glorify Thy name? for Thou only art holy. Rev. 15:4.

Worthy, O Lord, art Thou,—That every knee should bow,—Every tongue to Thee confess;—Universal nature join,—Strong and mighty, Thee to bless;—Gracious, merciful, benign.

MONDAY 12.—Memorial Day.—Deut. 8:1-10. Ps. 27.

Wherefore doth a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins? Lam. 3:39.

Nothing in my hand I bring;—Simply to Thy cross I cling.

These all with one accord continued steadfastly in prayer. Acts 1:14.

O happy souls that pray—Where God appoints to hear:—O happy men that pay—Their constant service there.

TUESDAY 13.—Deut. 8:11-20. Heb. 10:32-39.

Hear Thou in heaven Thy dwelling-place, and forgive, and do, and render unto every man according to all his ways, whose heart Thou

knowest (for Thou, even Thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men). 1 Kings 8:39.

Wilt Thou not regard my call?—Wilt Thou not accept my prayer?—Lo! I sink, I faint, I fall!—Lo! on Thee I cast my care!

He that is not with Me is against Me; and he that gathereth not with Me, scattereth. Lu. 11:23.

I to Thee myself would give,—And, until I heaven inherit,—Every moment in Thy service spend,—Faithful Friend.

WEDNESDAY 14.—Deut. 9:1-14. Heb. 11:1-12.

Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from Jehovah of hosts, who dwelleth in mount Zion. Is. 8:18.

We for Christ, our Master, stand,—Lights in a benighted land:—We our dying Lord confess;—We are Jesus' witnesses.

No man can come to Me, except the Father that sent Me draw him: and I will raise him up in the last day. John 6:44.

Draw me, O Father, to the Son,—That He may draw me unto Thee;—Thy Spirit render me His own,—And rule without control in me;—Shed in my heart Thy love abroad,—And keep me in Thy peace, O God.

THURSDAY 15.—Deut. 9:15-29. Heb. 11:13-30.

All that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the LORD hath blessed. Is. 61:9.

Glorious things of thee are spoken,—Zion, city of our God;—He Whose word cannot be broken,—Formed thee for His own abode:—On the Rock of ages founded,—What can shake thy sure repose?—With salvation's walls surrounded,—Thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

And we have believed and know that Thou art the Holy One of God. John 6:69.

Almighty Son, Incarnate Word,—Our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord,—Before Thy throne we sinners bend;—To us Thy saving grace extend.

FRIDAY 16.—Deut. 16:1-17. Heb. 11:32-40.

Peace be within thy walls, And prosperity within thy palaces. Ps. 122:7.

Defend, O God, with guardian hand,—The laws and rulers of our land,—And grant Thy churches grace to stand—In faith and unity.

Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance. Lu. 3:8.

Grace renewed bestow upon me,—With new zeal, my Saviour, crown me,—So that I may serve Thee solely;—Thy atonement make me holy.

SATURDAY 17.—Ps. 98. Heb. 12:1-13.

It is good that a man should hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD. Lam. 3:26.

I could not do without Thee,—I cannot stand alone,—I have no strength or goodness,—No wisdom of my own;—But Thou, belovéd Saviour,—Art all in all to me;—And perfect strength in weakness—Is theirs who lean on Thee.

Master, at Thy word I will let down the nets. Lu. 5:5.

Gracious Lord, may we believe,—Venture all on Thy free grace;—Boldly things not seen achieve,—Trusting in Thy promises:—Faith Thy people's stronghold is;—Their employment daily this,—To proceed on paths unknown,—Leaning on Thy arm alone.

21st Week—4th Sunday after Easter.

SUNDAY 18.—Epistle, James 1:17-21. Gospel, John 16:5-15.

Wait for the LORD: Be strong, and let thy heart take courage; Yea, wait thou for the LORD. Ps. 27:14.

Steadfast in faith to Jesus cleave,—His faithfulness review,—And every burden with Him leave,—Whose love is daily new:—His ways with thee are just and right,—He puts thy enemies to flight:—However threatening they appear,—Take courage, He is near.

Fear not the things which thou art about to suffer. Rev. 2:10.

Whate'er events betide,—Thy will they all perform;—Safe in Thy breast my head I hide,—Nor fear the coming storm.

MONDAY 19.—Deut. 18:9- 9. Ps. 28.

Oh that thou hadst hearkened to My commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea. Is. 48:18.

Make me to walk in Thy commands;—'Tis a delightful road.

He that is of God heareth the words of God. John 8:47.

Fain would I my Lord pursue,—Be all my Saviour taught,—Do as Jesus bids me do,—Would think as Jesus thought.

TUESDAY 20.—Deut. 30:1-14. Heb. 12:14-29.

I have set the LORD always before me: Because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Ps. 16:8.

He everywhere hath sway,—And all things serve His might,—His every act pure blessing is,—His path unsullied light:—When He makes bare His arm,—What shall His work withstand?—When He His people's cause defends,—Who, who shall stay His hand?

The LORD direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patience of Chirst. 2 Thes. 3:5.

Come, Kingdom of our God,—Sweet reign of light and love!—Shed peace and hope and joy abroad,—And wisdom from above.

WEDNESDAY 21.—Deut. 30:15-20. Heb. 13:1-3, 5-12.

I will place them, and multiply them, and will set My sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. Ezek. 37:26.

Visit us with Thy salvation,—Guard us by Thy power divine,—Make our house Thy habitation,—Make each heart Thy peaceful shrine.

I have accomplished the work which Thou hast given Me to do. John 17:4.

Done is the work that saves,—Once and for ever done;—Finished the righteousness—That clothes the unrighteous one:—The love that blesses us below—Is flowing freely to us now.

THURSDAY 22.—Deut. 31:1-8. Heb. 13:13-25.

We give thanks unto Thee, O God; We give thanks, for Thy name is near: Men tell of Thy wondrous works. Ps. 75:1.

Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power,—Wisdom, and riches, and strength evermore,—Give ye to Him Who our battle hath won,—Whose are the kingdom, the crown and the throne.

Hallelujah; Salvation, and glory, and power, belong to our God. Rev. 19:1.

Sing, ye ransomed, to His praise,—Tune your songs to grateful lays,—Mortals, join the hosts above,—Join to praise redeeming love.

FRIDAY 23.—Deut. 31:14-23. Titus 1:1-4, 2:11-15.

Only be strong and very courageous, to observe to do according to all the law, which Moses My servant commanded thee. Josh. 1:7.

Stand up!—stand up for Jesus!—The trumpet call obey;—Forth to the mighty conflict—In this His glorious day.—"Ye that are men now serve Him,"—Against unnumbered foes;—Your courage rise with danger,—And strength to strength oppose.

I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth on Me, though he die, yet shall he live. John 11:25.

Life from the dead is in that word;—'Tis immortality.

SATURDAY 24.—Titus 3:1-8. Isa. 55.

Seventy weeks are decreed upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make recon-

ciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness. Dan. 9:24.

What sure prophecies foretold,—And mysterious types depicted,—Sacred covenants of old,—Solemn promises predicted,—All was made Amen and Yea, —On that great, eventful day.

He guides our feet into the way of peace. Lu. 1:79.

Call Jehovah thy Salvation,—Rest beneath the Almighty's shade;—In His secret habitation—Dwell, nor ever be dismayed;—There no tumult can alarm thee,—Thou shalt dread no hidden snare;—Guile nor violence can harm thee,—In eternal safeguard there.

22nd Week—5th Sunday after Easter.

SUNDAY 25.—Epistle, James 1:22-27. Gospel, John 16:23-30.

God said to Solomon, Ask what I shall give thee. 1 Kings 3:5.

Thou art coming to a King,—Large petitions with thee bring;—For His grace and power are such,—None can ever ask too much.

All things whatsoever ye pray and ask for, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. Mark 11:24.

Here stands the promise fair,—For God cannot repent,—To fervent, persevering prayer,—He'll every blessing grant.

MONDAY 26.—Ps. 29. Deut. 32:1-14.

The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God. Ps. 14:1.

From the depth of nature's blindness—From the hardening power of sin,—From all malice and unkindness,—From the pride that lurks within,—By Thy mercy,—Oh deliver us, good Lord!

And Jesus said unto him, If thou canst! All things are possible to him that believeth. Mark 9:23.

Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees,—And looks to that alone;—Laughs at impossibilities,—And cries, "It shall be done!"

TUESDAY 27.—Deut. 32:15-33. Philemon.

The ways of the LORD are right, and the just shall walk in them; but transgressors shall fall therein. Hosea 14:9.

Make me to walk in Thy commands,—'T is a delightful road;—Nor let my head, or heart or hands —Offend against my God.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth hath eternal life. John 6:47.

Who is life in life to me?—Who the death of death will be?—Who will place me on His right—With the countless hosts of light?—Jesus Christ, the Crucified.

WEDNESDAY 28.—Deut. 32:34-43. Coloss. 1: 1-17.

I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto Me; for I have redeemed thee. Is. 42:22.

Lord, for Thy rich salvation, hear our prayer,—And daily give us an abounding share;—And let our souls in all their poverty,—From deep-felt love be looking unto Thee—Till life's last end.

It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I go, I will send Him unto you. John 16:7.

Oh, for the priceless merit—Of Thy redeeming Cross,—Vouchsafe Thy sevenfold Spirit,—And turn to gain our loss;—Till we by strong endeavor—In heart and mind ascend,—And dwell with Thee for ever—In raptures without end.

● **THURSDAY 29.—Ascension Day.**—Acts 1:1-11. Mark 16:14-20.

He will bless them that fear the Lord, both small and great. Ps. 115:13.

Naught but blessings He for us intends,—And His mercy never, never ends.

Go unto My brethren, and say to them, I ascend unto My Father and your Father, and My God and your God. John 20:17.

Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory,—There forever to abide!—All the heavenly hosts adore Thee,—Seated at Thy Father's side:—There for sinners Thou art pleading;—There Thou dost our place prepare,—Ever for us interceding,—Till in glory Thou appear.

FRIDAY 30.—Deut. 32:44-52. Coloss. 1:18-29.

Keep this forever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto Thee. 1 Chron. 29:18.

Oh, for a lowly, contrite heart,—Believing, true and clean!—Which neither life nor death can part—From Him That dwells within.

Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Matt. 6:24.

O God of heaven and earth, arise,—And hear our loud united cries;—Behold us bow before Thy face, —Throughout our land, and seek Thy grace.—Our trust is not in mortal hosts,—Nor in the arms that guard our coasts;—Thine is the land, and Thine the main,—And human force and skill are vain.

SATURDAY 31.—Ps. 42. Coloss. 2:1-10.

I did know thee in the wilderness, in the land of great drought. Hosea 13:5.

Out of my stony griefs,—Bethel I'll raise;—So by my woes to be—Nearer, my God, to Thee.

Behold the birds of the heaven, that they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; and your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are not ye of much more value than they? Matt. 6:26.

Good is the Lord our God,—His truth and mercy sure;—While earth and heaven shall last,—His promises endure.

JUNE

23rd Week—Sunday after Ascension Day.

SUNDAY 1.—Epistle, 1 Pet. 4:7-11. Gospel, John 15:26—16:4.

God is unto us a God of deliverances. Ps. 68:20.

Steadfast in faith to Jesus cleave,—His faithfulness review,—And every burden with Him leave,—Whose love is daily new;—His ways with thee are just and right,—He puts thy enemies to flight:—However threatening they appear,—Take courage, He is near.

If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you. John 15:7.

'T is this I want, nor can I be—Content, till I am one with Thee,—Until my life is hid in Thine,—Till Thou art wholly mine.

MONDAY 2.—Deut. 33 1-3, 29. Ch. 34. Ps. 30.

Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel: be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. The LORD hath taken away thy judgments, He hath cast out thine enemy. Zeph. 3:14, 15.

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,—Great David's greater Son!—Hail, in the time appointed,—His reign on earth begun!—He comes to break oppression,—To set the captive free,—To take away transgression,—And rule in equity.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Oh let Thy love my soul inflame—And to Thy service sweetly bind;—Transfuse it through my inmost frame,—And mould me wholly to Thy mind.

TUESDAY 3.—Josh. 1. Coloss. 2:16-23.

For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him. 2 Chron. 13:9.

Blest is the man O God,—That stays himself on Thee:—Who wait for Thy salvation, Lord,—Shall Thy salvation see.

Barnabas exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they could cleave unto the Lord. Acts 11:23.

Steadfast in faith to Jesus cleave;—His faithfulness review.

WEDNESDAY 4.—Josh. 2. Coloss. 3:1-11.

Deliver my soul from the sword, My darling from the power of the dog. Ps. 22:20.

Fear not, I am with thee, oh! be not dismayed;—I, I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;—I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,—Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

Mary sat at the LORD'S feet and heard His word. Lu. 10:39.

The one thing needful, that good part—Which Mary chose with all her heart,—I would pursue with heart and mind,—And seek unwearied till I find.

THURSDAY 5.—Josh. 3. Coloss. 3:12-25.

Love truth and peace. Zech. 8:19.

Jesus, Thou fain wouldst have us be—In all things more conformed to Thee.

He that doeth the truth cometh to the light, that his works may be made manifest, that they have been wrought in God. John 3:21.

Blessed Jesus, we implore Thee,—Let us, cleansed and purified,—Walk in grace and truth before Thee,—And in Thee by faith abide;—Sanctified—Both in body and in mind.

FRIDAY 6.—Josh. 4. Coloss. 4.

God created man in His own image, in the

image of God created He him; male and female created He them. Gen. 1:27.

More of Thy presence, Lord, impart,—More of Thine image let me bear.

Blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear. Matt. 13:16.

Blest are they, supremely blest,—Who of Jesus' grace possessed,—Cleave to Him by living faith,—Till they shall resign their breath.

SATURDAY 7.—Ezek. 36:22-28. Ps. 51.

I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. Hab. 3:18.

Praise ye Jehovah! praise the Lord most holy,—Who cheers the contrite, girds with strength the weak;—Praise Him Who will with glory crown the lowly,—And with salvation beautify the meek.

The jailor rejoiced greatly, with all his house, having believed in God. Acts 16:34.

O Hope of every contrite heart!—O Joy of all the meek!—To those who fall, how kind Thou art! —How good to those who seek!—But what to those who find? Ah! this—Nor tongue nor pen can show; —The love of Jesus, what it is,—None but His loved ones know.

24th Week—Whit-Sunday.

SUNDAY 8.—Epistle, Acts 2:1-13. Gospel, John 14:15-31.

Now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son, from Me. Gen. 22:12.

In the furnace God may prove thee,—Thence to

bring thee forth more bright,—But can never cease to love thee;—Thou art precious in His sight.

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:4.

Unfailing Comfort, heavenly Guide,—Still o'er Thy Holy Church preside;—Still let mankind Thy blessings prove,—Spirit of mercy, truth, and love.

MONDAY 9.—Eph. 4:11-16. John 15:9-16.

Unless Thy law had been my delight, I should then have perished in mine affliction. Ps. 119:92.

O God, in Whom our trust we place,—We thank Thee for Thy word of grace;—Help us its precepts to obey,—Till we shall live in endless day.

When the Spirit of truth is come, he shall guide you into all the truth. John 16:13.

Ever lead me, ever guide—All my wanderings by Thy word;—As Thou hast been, still abide,—My defence, my refuge, Lord:—Never safe except with Thee,—Ever Thou my guardian be.

TUESDAY 10.—Josh. 5:10-15. Acts 2:14-36.

As the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee. Is. 62:5.

Jesus, Thy boundless love to me—No thought can reach, no tongue declare;—Oh, knit my thankful heart to Thee,—And reign without a rival there.

I know whom I have chosen. John 13:18.

The covenant of the King of kings—Shall stand for ever sure;—Beneath the shadow of Thy wings—Thy saints repose secure.

WEDNESDAY 11.—Josh. 6:1-21. Acts 2:37-47.

Ye shall know that the living God is among you. Josh. 3:10.

Be Thou our great Deliverer still,—Thou Lord of life and death;—Restore and quicken, soothe and bless,—With Thine almighty breath.

Agrippa said unto Paul, With but little persuasion thou wouldest fain make me a Christian. Acts 26:28.

Shall God invite you from above?—Shall Jesus urge His dying love?—Shall troubled conscience give you pain,—And all these pleas unite in vain?

THURSDAY 12.—Josh. 7:1-9. Acts 3:1-11.

The LORD loveth justice, And forsaketh not His saints; They are preserved for ever. Ps. 37:28.

See the Lord, thy Keeper, stand—Omnipotently near:—Lo! He holds thee by the hand,—And banishes thy fear;—Shadows with His wings thy head, —Guards from all impending harms;—Round thee and beneath are spread—The everlasting arms.

This do in remembrance of Me. Lu. 22:19.

Yes, Lord, we will remember Thee,—We'll ne'er forget Thy love divine;—Thy cross we'll ever bear in mind,—Which made Thee ours, and made us Thine.

FRIDAY 13.—Josh. 7:10-26. Acts 3:12-26.

Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; Praise thy God, O Zion. For He hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; He hath blessed thy children within thee. He maketh peace in thy borders. Ps. 147:12-14.

Thou hidden Source of calm repose,—Thou all-sufficient Love divine;—My help and Refuge from my foes,—Secure I am, for Thou art mine:—Thou art my Fortress, Strength, and Tower,—My Trust and Portion evermore.

Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish. Matt. 18:14.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose—I will not, I will not desert to His foes;—That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,—I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

SATURDAY 14.—Isa. 6:1-8. Acts 4:1-12.

I, even I, am He that comforteth you; who art thou, that thou art afraid of man that shall die, and of the son of man that shall be made as grass; and hast forgotten Jehovah thy Maker. Is. 51:12, 13.

Faith of our fathers! we will love—Both friend and foe in all our strife:—And preach thee, too, as love knows how,—By kindly words and virtuous life:—Faith of our fathers! holy faith!—We will be true to thee till death.

When the LORD saw the widow, He had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. Lu. 7:13.

Thou art the mourner's Stay, the sinner's Friend,—Sweet Fount of joy and blessings without end.

25th Week—Trinity Sunday.

SUNDAY 15.—Epistle, Rom. 11:33-36. Gospel, John 3:1-15.

And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD. Is. 62:12.

When shall Thine hour, dear Jesus, come,—That Israel's sons shall be brought home;—When shall they in Thy Name confide,—Whom once their fathers crucified?

Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. Rev. 7:12.

O would, my God, that I could praise Thee—With thousand tongues by day and night!—How many a song my lips should raise Thee,—Who orderest all things here aright;—My thankful heart would ever be—Telling what God hath done for me.

MONDAY 16.—Josh. 10:1-14. Ps. 31.

The voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto Me from the ground. Gen. 4:10.

Lord I approach Thy mercy-seat,—And pray Thee to forgive me:—With contrite heart, I Thee entreat, —Show pity and receive me;—Cast all my sins and trespasses—Into the ocean of Thy grace,—And them no more remember.

Why call ye Me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Lu. 6:46.

Grant that all of us may prove,—By obedience, faith and love,—That our hearts to Thee are given, —That our treasure is in heaven.

TUESDAY 17.—Memorial Day.—Josh. 23:1-16. Acts 4:13-23.

With the Lord there is lovingkindness, and with Him is plenteous redemption. Ps. 130:7.

Thou hast promised to receive us,—Poor and sinful though we be;—Thou hast mercy to relieve us, —Grace to cleanse and power to free,—Blessèd Jesus,—Early let us turn to Thee.

Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life. Rev. 2:10.

Grant me steadiness,—Lord to run my race,—Following Thee with love most tender,—So that Satan may not hinder—Me by craft or force:—Further Thou my course.

WEDNESDAY 18.—Josh. 24:1-15. Acts 4:24-37.

Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever; for wisdom and might are His. Dan. 2:20.

Then let us adore Him—And give Him His right, —All glory and power,—All wisdom and might,—All honor and blessing—With angels above,—And thanks never-ceasing,—For infinite love.

Give, and it shall be given unto you. Lu. 6:38.

We lose what on ourselves we spend,—We have as treasure without end—Whatever, Lord, to Thee we lend,—Who givest all.

THURSDAY 19.—Josh. 24:16-32. Acts 5:1-16.

Thou art holy, O Thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel. Ps. 22:3.

Holy and infinite! viewless! eternal!—Vailed in the glory that none can sustain,—None comprehendeth Thy Being supernal,—Nor can the heaven of heavens contain.—Holy and infinite; limitless, boundless,—All Thy perfections, and powers, and praise!

Forgive and ye shall be forgiven. Lu. 6:37.

Much forgiven, may I learn—Love for hatred to return;—Then assured my heart shall be,—Thou, my God, hast pardoned me.

FRIDAY 20.—Judges 2:8-23. Acts 5:17-28.

See now that I, even I, am He, And there is no god with Me; I kill and I make alive; I wound, and I heal; And there is none that can deliver out of My hand. Deut. 32:39.

Grant us Thy help till foes are backward driven, —Grant them Thy truth, that they may be forgiven, —Grant peace on earth, and after we have striven,— Peace in Thy heaven.

He that believeth on the Son is not judged. John 3:18.

In Him I trust for evermore;—He hath expunged the dreadful score—Of all my guilt; this done away, —I need not fear the judgment-day.

SATURDAY 21.—Isa. 44·1-6. Acts 5:29-42.

Now the LORD hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land. Gen. 26:22.

If with honest-hearted—Love for God and man,— Day by day Thou find us—Doing all we can,—Thou who givest the seed time,—Wilt give large increase, —Crown our heads with blessings,—Fill our hearts with peace.

The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He send forth laborers into His harvest. Matt. 9:37, 38.

Lord of the harvest, laborers send,—Who willing are their lives to spend—In scorching heat and chilling cold,—To bring the heathen to Thy fold.

26th Week—1st Sunday after Trinity.

SUNDAY 22.—Epistle, 1 John 4:7-21. Gospel, Lu. 16:19-31.

I am a companion of all them that fear Thee, And of them that observe Thy precepts. Ps. 119:63.

Christian hearts, in love united,—Seek alone in Jesus rest;—Has He not your love excited?—Then let love inspire each breast;—Members—on our Head depending,—Lights—reflecting Him, our Sun,—Brethren—His commands attending,—We in Him, our Lord, are one.

Now these were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, examining the scriptures daily, whether these things were so. Acts 17:11.

Lord, our eyes unseal,—To our minds reveal—All that glorious hidden treasure,—Grace and mercy without measure,—Which in Thy good word—For our need is stored.

MONDAY 23.—Judges 6:1-18. Ps. 32.

The Lord said, I have pardoned. Num. 14:20.

God, Who art love, the same both now and ever,—Lift up, we pray, on us Thy countenance,—Thy pardon grant, Thy peace divine dispense,—And give us richly to enjoy Thy favor;—On us Thy sanctifying grace bestow,—That in Thy love and knowledge we may grow.

I seek not Mine own will but the will of Him that sent Me. John 5:30.

My Jesus, as Thou wilt!—Oh, may Thy will be mine;—Into Thy hand of love—I would my all resign.

TUESDAY 24.—Judges 6:19-32. Acts 6.

Serve the LORD with gladness: come before His presence with singing. Ps. 100:2.

Lord, lead us in Thy holy ways,—And teach our lips to tell Thy praise;—Revive our hope, our faith increase,—To taste the sweetness of Thy grace.

Lovest thou Me? John 21:17.

Lord! it is my chief complaint,—That my love is weak and faint;—Yet I love Thee and adore:—Oh, for grace to love Thee more.

WEDNESDAY 25.—Judges 6:33-40; 7:1-8. Acts 7:1-18.

Thou shalt not kill. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor. Ex. 20:13-16.

Take away the love of sinning;—Alpha and Omega be;—End of faith, as its Beginning!—Set our hearts at liberty.

The apostles said, We cannot but speak the things which we saw and heard. Acts 4:20.

Shall I, through fear of feeble man,—The Spirit's fire in me restrain?

THURSDAY 26.—Judges 7:9-23. Acts 7:19-41.

And the nations shall know that I am the LORD that sanctifieth Israel. Ezek. 37:28.

Hail to the brightness of Zion's glad morning!—Joy to the lands that in darkness have lain!—Hushed be the accents of sorrow and mourning;—Zion in triumph begins her mild reign.

I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to harm thee. Acts 18:10.

I no reproach nor sufferings dread,—Is Christ with me, I'm not afraid.

● **FRIDAY 27.**—Ruth '. Acts 7:42-59.

Thou drewest near in the day that I called upon Thee; Thou saidst, Fear not. Lam. 3:57.

He helped His saints in ancient days,—Who trusted in His Name;—And we can witness, to His praise,—His love is still the same.

Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. Matt. 12:34.

O fill me with Thy fulness, Lord,—Until my very heart o'erflow—In kindling thought and glowing word,—Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

SATURDAY 28.—Prov. 9:1-10. Acts 8:1-25.

The little one shall become a thousand, and the small one a strong nation: I, the LORD will hasten it in its time. Is. 60:22.

Faith of our fathers; God's great power—Shall soon all nations win for Thee;—And through the truth that comes from God,—Mankind shall then be truly free.

The kingdom of heaven is like unto a grain of mustard seed. Matt. 13:31.

Lord of all power and might!—Father of love and light,—Speed on Thy word:—O let the Gospel sound—All the wide world around,—Wherever man is found;—God speed His word!

27th Week—2nd Sunday after Trinity.

SUNDAY 29.—Epistle, 1 John 3:13:24. Gospel, Lu. 14:16-24.

My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of His reproof: For whom the LORD loveth He reproveth, Even as a father the son in whom he delighteth. Prov. 3:11, 12.

Thy chastisements are naught but love:—When we our sins confess,—We Thy forgiveness richly prove;—'Tis Thy delight to bless.

Yea, Lord; for even the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their master's table. Matt. 15:27.

Give deep humility; the sense—Of godly sorrow give;—A strong, desiring confidence,—To hear Thy voice and live:—Patience, to watch, and wait, and weep,—Though mercy long delay;—Courage, our fainting souls to keep,—And trust Thee though Thou slay.

MONDAY 30.—Ruth 2. Ps. 33.

Thy right hand, O LORD, is glorious in power. Ex. 15:6.

Under the shadow of Thy throne—Still may we dwell secure;—Sufficient is Thine arm alone,—And our defence is sure.

Even so ye also, when ye shall have done all the things that are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants; we have done that which it was our duty to do. Lu. 17:10.

The Lord's joy be our strength and stay,—In our employ from day to day;—Our thoughts and our activity—Through Jesus' merits hallowed be.

JULY

TUESDAY 1.—Ruth 4:1-11. Acts 8:26-40.

In God (I will praise His word), In God have I put my trust, I will not be afraid: what can flesh do unto me? Ps. 56:4.

On Him we'll venture all we have,—Our lives, our all, to Him we owe.

Be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. Matt. 10:16.

Teach me to live by faith,—Conform my will to Thine.

WEDNESDAY 2.—Jer. 31:1-9. Acts 9:1-9.

I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then art thou turned into the degenerate branches of a foreign vine unto Me?

The worst of evils we can name—Is an unfaithful heart;—May none amongst us from our Lord—Be tempted to depart.—Our human frailty need not lead—Our souls from Him astray;—For He the needful strength imparts—To walk the narrow way.

Lacked ye anything? Lu. 22:35.

Venture all on Him, our Lord—Who assures us in His word—We are always objects of His care.

THURSDAY 3.—Jer. 31:10-20. Acts 9:10-21.

I will give Thee thanks in the great assembly; I will praise Thee among much people. Ps. 35:18.

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,—Tune my heart to sing Thy grace,—Streams of mercy, never ceasing,—Call for songs of loudest praise.

Stephen, being full of the Holy Spirit, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God. Acts 7:55.

Oh, joy all joys beyond,—To see the Lamb Who died,—And count each sacred wound—In hands and feet and side;—To give to Him the praise—Of every triumph won,—And sing through endless days—The great things He hath done.

FRIDAY 4.—Jer. 31:21-30. Acts 9:22-30.

Let none of you devise evil against his brother in your heart. Zeph. 7:10.

Lord Jesus, be Thy spirit ours!—And swift our feet shall move—To deeds of pure self-sacrifice,—And the sweet tasks of love.

Love your enemies, and pray for them that persecute you. Matt. 5:44.

Lord! while for all mankind we pray,—Of every clime and coast,—Oh, hear us for our native land,—The land we love the most.—Oh, guard our shores from every foe,—With peace our borders bless,—With prosperous times our cities crown,—Our fields with plenteousness.

SATURDAY 5.—Isa. 12. Acts 9:31-43.

O Lord, Thou knowest me; Thou seest me, and triest my heart toward Thee. Jer. 12:3.

Examine me, all-seeing Lord!—My secret actions prove,—Try out my reins, and search my heart,—And evil thoughts remove.

His eyes were as a flame of fire. Rev. 1:14.

God Almighty and All-seeing!—Holy One, in Whom we all—Live and move and have our being, —Hear us when on Thee we call.

28th Week—3rd Sunday after Trinity.

SUNDAY 6.—Memorial Day.—Epistle, 1 Pet. 5:5-11. Gospel, Lu. 15:1-10.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee. Ps. 84:6.

Soldiers of Christ, arise,—And put your armor on, —Strong in the strength which God supplies— Through His Eternal Son.—Strong in the Lord of hosts,—And in His mighty power,—Who in the strength of Jesus trusts,—Is more than conqueror.

They overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb, and because of the word of their testimony; and they loved not their life even unto death. Rev. 12:11.

Let us call to mind with joy,—Those who have before us gone,—Who obtained the victory—Through the blood of Christ alone;—That we all may zealously—Imitate their constancy,—That we too the prize receive,—And with them in glory live.

MONDAY 7.—Jer. 32:36-44. Ps 34.

Far be it from us that we should rebel against the LORD, and turn away this day from following the LORD. Josh. 22:29.

Henceforth myself to Thee I give,—With single heart and eye,—To walk before Thee while I live,— And bless Thee when I die.

And a vision appeared to Paul in the night:

There was a man of Macedonia standing, beseeching him, and saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. Acts 16:9.

Saviour, lo! the isles are waiting,—Stretched the hand, and strained the sight,—For Thy Spirit, new creating,—Love's pure flame and wisdom's light;—Give the word, and of the preacher—Speed the foot, and touch the tongue,—Till on earth, by every creature,—Glory to the Lamb be sung.

TUESDAY 8.—Jer. 33:1-9. Acts 10:1-23.

Our help is in the name of the LORD Who made heaven and earth. Ps. 124:7, 8.

Will He not His help afford?—Help, while yet I ask, is given;—God comes down, the God and Lord—Who made both earth and heaven.

Watch therefore; for ye know not on what day your Lord cometh. Matt. 24:42.

Lord, for Thy coming us prepare,—May we to meet Thee without fear—At all times ready be:—In faith and love preserve us sound:—O let us day and night be found—Waiting with joy to welcome Thee.

WEDNESDAY 9.—Jer. 33:10-16. Acts 10·24-48.

Let Thy lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, According as we have hoped in Thee. Ps. 33:22.

It is God; His love looks mighty,—But is mightier than it seems:—'Tis our Father: and His fondness—Goes far out beyond our dreams.—There's a wideness in God's mercy—Like the wideness of the sea;—There's a kindness in His justice—Which is more than liberty.

He that loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. Matt. 10:37.

Lord! it is my chief complaint,—That my love is weak and faint;—Yet I love Thee, and adore;—Oh, for grace to love Thee more.

THURSDAY 10.—Ps. 37:1-11. Acts 11:1-10.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And Thy dominion endureth throughout all generations. Ps. 145:13.

Through earth and heaven one song shall ring,—"The Lord Omnipotent is King."

The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many. Matt. 20:28.

Oh, dearly, dearly, has He loved,—And we must love Him too,—And trust in His redeeming blood,—And try His works to do.

FRIDAY 11.—Ps. 37:18-40. Acts 11:11-18.

I drew them with bands of love. Hosea 11:4.

He drew me, and I followed on,—Charmed to confess the voice divine.

Jesus said to His disciples, I have compassion on the multitude. Mark 8:2.

The halt, the maimed, the sick, the blind—Sought not in vain Thy tendance kind;—Now in Thy poor Thyself we see,—And minister through them to Thee.

SATURDAY 12.—Isa. 65:17-19, 24, 25. Acts 11: 19-30.

And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; and he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut and none shall open. Is. 22:22.

Therefore my hope is in His grace,—And not in my own merit;—On Him my confidence I place,—Instructed by His Spirit.

The Lord is faithful, Who shall establish you, and guard you from the evil one. 2 Thes. 3:3.

His saints He loves and never leaves;—The contrite sinner He receives;—Abundant grace will He afford,—Till all are present with the Lord.

29th Week—4th Sunday after Trinity.

SUNDAY 13.—Epistle, Rom. 8·18-23. Gospel, Lu-6:36-42.

With the perfect Thou wilt show Thyself perfect; With the pure Thou wilt show Thyself pure; With the perverse Thou wilt show Thyself froward. Ps. 18:25, 26.

Oh for a principle within—Of jealous, godly fear! —Oh for a tender dread of sin—A pain to feel it near!

So the church throughout all Judæa and Galilee and Samaria had peace, being edified: and, walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, was multiplied. Acts 9:31.

O Spirit of the Lord, all life is Thine;—Now fill Thy Church with life and power divine,—That many

children may be born to Thee,—And spread Thy knowledge like the boundless sea,—To Christ's great praise.

MONDAY 14.—Ps. 36. Acts 12:1-11.

I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem; they shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that are the LORD's remembrancers, take ye no rest. Is. 62:6.

Proclaim to every nation—The tidings of salvation;—Bear ye witness to His greatness;—Spread the story of His glory—To the earth's remotest bounds.

I have this against thee, that thou didst leave thy first love. Rev. 2:4.

If I should e'er forsake Thee—Then do not Thou leave me.—Lord, let me never, never—Outlive my love for Thee!

TUESDAY 15.—1 Sam. 1:1-18. Acts 12:12-25.

My soul, wait thou in silence for God only; For my expectation is from Him. Ps. 62:5.

On Thee we humbly wait;—Our wants are known to Thee.

The apostles therefore departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the Name. Acts 5:41.

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,—Fight as Thy saints who nobly fought of old.

WEDNESDAY 16.—1 Sam. 1:19-28. Acts 13:1-13.

The LORD God will help me: therefore have I not been confounded. Is. 50:7.

Yea, should it e'en to man appear—At times, as though our Lord—Forsook His chosen people here,—At last He'll help afford.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Matt. 7:7.

My soul, believe and pray,—Without a doubt believe:—Whate'er we ask in God's own way,—We surely shall receive.

THURSDAY 17.—1 Sam. 2:1-17. Acts 13:14-39.

Give us help against the adversary; For vain is the help of man. Ps. 60:13.

Other refuge have I none;—Hangs my helpless soul on Thee.

What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him? Matt. 8:27.

Jesus, Deliverer,—Come Thou to me;—Soothe Thou my voyaging—Over life's sea;—Then, when the storm of death—Roars, sweeping by,—Whisper, Thou Truth of Truth:—"Peace! It is I!"

FRIDAY 18.—1 Sam. 2:27-36. Acts 13:40-52.

Teach me good judgment and knowledge; For I have believed in Thy commandments. Ps. 119:66.

My mind enlighten with Thy light,—That I may understand aright—The glorious gospel mystery,—Which shows the way to heaven and Thee.

Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. John 11:5.

I could wish this day to be so favored;—But Thy presence makes to me—Every place a Bethany.

SATURDAY 19.—1 Sam. 3:1-21. Lam. 3:22-30.

And many nations shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of Jehovah, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths. Micah 4:2.

Kingdoms wide, that sit in darkness,—Grant them, Lord, the glorious light;—And, from eastern coast to western,—May the morning chase the night;—And redemption,—Freely purchased, win the day.

My Father, who hath given them unto Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. John 10:29.

In Thee I trust by faith—Jesus, my God and Saviour.

30th Week—5th Sunday after Trinity.

SUNDAY 20.—Epistle, 1 Pet. 3:8-15. Gospel, Lu. 5:1-11.

Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem; and cry out unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. Is. 40:2.

Oh, that the Lord's salvation—Were out of Zion come,—To heal His ancient nation,—To lead His outcasts home!

The Son of man hath authority on earth to forgive sins. Is. 9:6.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,—Grace to pardon all my sin.

MONDAY 21.—Ps. 38. Acts 14:1-18.

In every work that he began in the service

of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart, and prospered. 2 Chron. 31:21.

Teach me, my God and King,—In all things Thee to view;—And what I do in anything,—For Thee alone to do.

He that is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much: and he that is unrighteous in a very little is unrighteous also in much. Lu. 16:10.

The faithful warrior—For duty ready stands;—Each shock and barrier—But strengtheneth his hands.

TUESDAY 22.—1 Sam. 4:1-18. Acts 14:19-28.

The LORD *said*, My Spirit shall not strive with man for ever, for that he also is flesh. Gen. 6:3.

Father, O hear me;—Pardon and spare me;—Calm all my terrors;—Blot out my errors,—That by Thine eye they may no more be scanned.

Yea, O Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are Thy judgments. Rev. 16:7.

High in the heavens, eternal God,—Thy goodness in full glory shines;—Thy truth shall break through every cloud—That vails and darkens Thy designs.—Forever firm Thy justice stands,—As mountains their foundations keep;—Great are the wonders of Thy hands;—Thy judgments are a mighty deep.

WEDNESDAY 23.—1 Sam. 7:2-17. Acts 15:1-12.

He delivereth the afflicted by their affliction, And openeth their ear in oppression. Job 36:15.

A safe Stronghold our God is still,—A trusty Shield and Weapon:—He'll help us clear from all the ill—That hath us now o'ertaken.

And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their works were evil. John 3:19.

Jesus will I never leave,—He's the God of my salvation;—Through His merits I receive—Pardon, life and consolation:—Blesséd who can say with me, —Christ, I'll never part with Thee.

THURSDAY 24.—1 Sam. 8. Acts 15:13-35.

Thou hast brought up my life from the pit, O LORD, my God. Jonah 2:6.

O may Thy ransomed people everywhere—Of this great truth at all times witness bear,—That whoe'er believeth in Christ's redemption—May find free grace and a complete exemption—from serving sin.

He made us to be a kingdom, to be priests unto His God and Father. Rev. 1:6.

Palms of glory, raiment bright,—Crowns that never fade away,—Gird and deck the saints in light, —Priests and kings and conquerors they.

FRIDAY 25.—1 Sam. 9:1-13. Acts 15:36—16:5.

God will bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him. Ps. 67:7.

In earth below, in heaven above,—Who, who is Lord like Thee?—Oh, spread the gospel of Thy love, —Till all Thy glories see!

The master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and

lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor and maimed and blind and lame. Lu. 14:21.

Let him that heareth say—To all about him, "Come!"

● **SATURDAY 26.**—1 Sam. 9:14-27. Ps. 1.

The LORD hath anointed me to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. Is. 61:3.

He comes, the broken heart to bind,—The bleeding soul to cure;—And, with the riches of His grace, —To bless the humble poor.

The servant said, Lord what thou didst command is done, and yet there is room. Lu. 14:22.

All things to their period tend;—But His mercy has no end.

31st Week — 6th Sunday after Trinity.

SUNDAY 27.—Epistle. Rom. 6·3-11. Gospel, Matt. 5:20-26.

God will surely visit you, and bring you up out of this land unto the land which He sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. Gen. 50:24.

The covenant of the King of kings—Shall stand for ever sure.

If the world hateth you, ye know that it hath hated Me before it hated you. John 15:18.

The thought, how comforting and sweet,—Christ trod this very path before!

MONDAY 28.—Ps. 39. Acts 16:6-24.

Before I was afflicted I went astray; But now I observe Thy word. Ps. 119:67.

By His will He sanctifieth,—By the Spirit's power within;—By the loving hand that chasteneth—Fruits of righteousness to win.

My yoke is easy and My burden is light. Matt. 11:30.

O lightest burden, sweetest yoke!—It lifts, it bears my happy soul,—It giveth wings to this poor heart; —My freedom is Thy grand control.

TUESDAY 29.—1 Sam. 10:1-16. Acts 16:25-40.

But now the LORD my God hath given me rest on every side. 1 Kings 5:4.

He keeps His own secure,—He guards them by His side.

All things whatsoever the Father hath are mine. John 16:15.

All glory, power and might pertain—Unto the Lamb, for He was slain.

WEDNESDAY 30.—1 Sam. 10:17-27. Acts 17: 1-15.

If thou wilt walk in My statutes, and execute Mine ordinances, and keep all My commandments to walk in them; then will I establish My word with thee. 1 Kings 6:12.

What is His covenant of love?—A covenant firm and sure;—Hills may depart, and mountains move, —And yet it shall endure.

These things I command you, that ye may love one another. John 15:17.

Lord in Thy love may we abide,—Estranged from none by wrath or pride;—Among ourselves at unity, —And with all else in charity.

THURSDAY 31.—1 Sam. 11. Acts 17:15-34.

And God saw everything that He had made, and, behold, it was very good. John 1:31

What is created by our God—Enjoys His preservation.

If ye shall ask anything of the Father, He will give it you in My name. John 16:23.

Come, make your wants, your burdens known;—He will present them at the throne.

AUGUST

FRIDAY 1.—1 Sam. 12:1-12. Acts 18:1-17.

It is thy destruction, O Israel, that thou art against Me, against thy help. Hosea 13:9.

See, we repent, we weep, we mourn;—To our forsaken God return.

The times of ignorance therefore God overlooked; but now He commandeth men that they should all everywhere repent. Acts 17:30.

Show pity, Lord, O Lord forgive;—Let a repenting sinner live;—Are not Thy mercies large and free?—May not a sinner trust in Thee?

SATURDAY 2.—1 Sam. 12:13-25. Isa. 62:6-12.

Forty years long was I grieved with that generation, And said, It is a people that do err in their heart, And they have not known My ways. Ps. 95:10.

Lord, to Thee I make confession,—I have multiplied transgression;—Forced at last to see my errors, —Lord, I tremble at Thy terrors.

The light shineth in the darkness; and the darkness apprehended it not. John 1:5

Destroy, O Lord, the carnal mind,—Consume what is not right in me.

32nd Week — 7th Sunday after Trinity

SUNDAY 3.—Epistle, Rom. 6:19-28. Gospel, Mark 8:1-9.

He will deliver thee in six troubles; Yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee. Job 5:19.

He will gird thee by His power,—In thy weary, fainting hour;—Lean then, loving, on His word;—Cast thy burden on the Lord.

The Father gave the Son authority to execute judgment, because he is a son of man. John 5:27.

He is coming, He is coming;—Let His lowly first estate,—And His tender love so teach us—That in faith and hope we wait,—Till, in glory eastward burning,—Our redemption draweth near;—And we see the sign in heaven—Of our Judge and Saviour dear.

MONDAY 4.—Ps. 40. Acts 18:18-28.

O God, Thou art my God; earnestly will I seek Thee: My soul thirsteth for Thee, my flesh longeth for Thee. Ps. 63:1.

For Thee, my God—the living God,—My thirsty soul doth pine;—Oh, when shall I behold Thy face,—Thou Majesty divine!

The believers in Jerusalem glorified God, saying, Then to the Gentiles also hath God granted repentance unto life. Acts 11:-8.

Saviour! sprinkle many nations,—Fruitful let Thy sorrows be;—By Thy pains and consolations,—Draw the Gentiles unto Thee.

TUESDAY 5.—1 Sam. 13:1-15. Acts 19.1-22.

If now I have found favor in Thy sight, O Lord, I pray Thee, go in the midst of us. Ex. 34:9.

Be with me, Lord, where'er I go,—Teach me what Thou would'st have me do;—Suggest whate'er I think this day,—Direct me in the narrow way.

Bring forth therefore fruit worthy of repentance. Matt. 3:8.

Jesus calls us! By Thy mercies,—Saviour, may we hear Thy call:—Give our hearts to Thy obedience,—Serve and love Thee best of all!

WEDNESDAY 6.—1 Sam. 14:1-23. Acts 19:23-40.

My soul shall make her boast in the LORD; the meek shall hear thereof and be glad. Ps. 34:2.

Praise the Lord, His glories show,—Saints within His courts below,—Angels round His throne above,—All that see and share His love!

Behold, he prayeth. Acts 9:11.

Lord, I will not let Thee go,—Till the blessing Thou bestow:—O do not my suit disdain;—None shall seek Thy face in vain.

THURSDAY 7.—1 Sam. 14:24-45. Acts 20:1-12.

I laid down and slept; I awaked; for the LORD sustaineth me. Ps. 3:5.

Lord, uphold me day by day,—Shed a light upon my way;—Guide me through perplexing snares,—Care for me in all my cares.

Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve. Matt. 4:10.

Let every thought, and work, and word,—To Thee be ever given;—Then life shall be Thy service, Lord, —And death the gate of heaven!

FRIDAY 8.—1 Sam. 15:1-11. Acts 20:13-24.

And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. Is. 11:2.

Left to ourselves we shall but stray;—O lead us on the narrow way,—With wisest counsel guide us, —And give us steadfastness, that we—May henceforth truly follow Thee.

Ye are the salt of the earth. Matt. 5:13.

Grant that we all, both young and old, may prove —True witnesses of Thy redeeming love;—Showing forth Thy praises, may we adore Thee,—And humbly walk in grace and truth before Thee,—Till we go hence.

SATURDAY 9.—1 Sam. 15:12-23. Jer. 23:16-29.

O LORD God, Thou hast begun to show Thy servant Thy greatness, and Thy strong hand. Deut. 3:24.

Lord! if Thine arm support me still—With its eternal strength,—We shall o'ercome the mightiest ill,—And conquerors prove at length.

Be not therefore anxious for the morrow: for the morrow will be anxious for itself. Matt. 6:34.

It can bring with it nothing,—But He will bear us through.

33rd Week — 8th Sunday after Trinity.

SUNDAY 10.—Epistle, Rom. 8:12-17. Gospel, Matt. 7:15-23.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise. Ps. 51:17.

Come, in sorrow and contrition,—Wounded, impotent and blind;—Here the guilty, free remission, —Here the troubled, peace may find.

This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him Whom He hath sent. John 6:29.

Increase our faith; so weak are we,—That we both may and must—Commit our very faith to Thee,— Entrust to Thee our trust.

☺ **MONDAY 11.**—Ps. 42, 43. Acts 20:25-38.

My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of Jehovah; My heart and my flesh cry out unto the living God. Ps. 84:2.

How sweet Thy dwellings, Lord, how fair:—What peace, what bliss inhabit there:—With ardent hope, with strong desire,—My heart, my flesh, to Thee aspire;—How oft I long Thy heavenly courts and Thee,—My Lord and God, the living God, to see.

In praying use not vain repetitions, as the Gentiles do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Matt. 6:7.

Lord, teach us how to pray aright,—With reverence and with fear.

TUESDAY 12.—1 Sam. 15:24-35. Acts 21:1-14.

The Lord said unto Abraham: In thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed. Gen. 12:3.

Israel's Strength and Consolation,—Hope of all the earth Thou art;—Long-desired of every nation,—Joy of every waiting heart.

I will; be thou made clean. Matt. 8:3.

He will present our souls,—Unblemished and complete,—Before the glory of His face,—With joys divinely great.

WEDNESDAY 13.—Memorial Day.—1 Sam. 16:1-13. Acts 21:15-26.

And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee, saith the LORD, to deliver thee. Jer. 1:19.

Call Jehovah thy Salvation,—Rest beneath the Almighty's shade;—In His secret habitation—Dwell, nor ever be dismayed;—There no tumult can alarm thee,—Thou shalt dread no hidden snare;—Guile nor violence can harm thee,—In eternal safeguard there.

Father, I made known unto them Thy name, and will make it known; that the love wherewith Thou lovest me may be in them, and I in them. John 17:26.

Love Divine, all loves excelling,—Joy of heaven, to earth come down!—Fix in us Thine humble dwelling;—All Thy faithful mercies crown;—Jesus! Thou art all compassion,—Pure unbounded love Thou art;—Visit us with Thy salvation;—Enter every trembling heart.

THURSDAY 14.—1 Sam. 16:14-23. Acts 21:27-40.

Whosoever there is among you of all His people, the LORD his God be with him. 2 Chron. 36:23.

With us when the storm is sweeping—O'er our

pathway dark and drear;—Waking hope within our bosoms,—Stilling every anxious fear.

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. John 1:3.

O Light, Whose beams illumine all—From twilight dawn to perfect day,—Shine Thou before the shadows fall—That lead our wandering feet astray;—At morn and eve Thy radiance pour,—That youth may love and age adore.

FRIDAY 15.—1 Sam. 17:1-11. Acts 22:1-16.

Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. Ps. 87:3.

Glorious things of thee are spoken,—Zion, city of our God;—He Whose word cannot be broken,—Formed thee for His own abode:—On the Rock of ages founded,—What can shake thy sure repose?—With salvation's walls surrounded,—Thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

This is life eternal, that they should know Thee, the only true God, and Him Whom Thou didst send, even Jesus Christ. John 17:3.

O what happiness divine,—O the lot most precious,—Confidently to recline—On the breast of Jesus,—Great the bliss I possess,—And yet long for ever—For more grace and favor.

SATURDAY 16.—Ps. 41. Prov. 16:1-9.

He doth execute justice for the fatherless and widow, and loveth the sojourner, in giving him food and raiment. Deut. 5:18.

In God, my faithful God,—I trust when dark my road.

Every one that hath left houses, or brethren,

or sisters, or father, or mother, or children, or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and shall inherit eternal life. Matt. 19:29.

Jesus calls us! By Thy mercies,—Saviour, may we hear Thy call;—Give our hearts to Thy obedience,—Serve and love Thee best of all!

34th Week — 9th Sunday after Trinity.

SUNDAY 17.—Epistle, 1 Cor. 10:1-13. Gospel, Lu. 16:1-9.

I create the fruit of the lips: Peace, peace, to him that is far off and to him that is near, saith the LORD; and I will heal him. Is. 57:19.

'T is everlasting peace,—Sure as Jehovah's Name; —'T is stable as His steadfast throne,—For evermore the same.

Knew ye not that I must be in My Father's house. Lu. 2:49.

With new life endowed by Christ our Saviour,— May we to the world be dead.

MONDAY 18.—Ps. 48. Acts 22:17-30.

Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD bindeth up the hurt of His people, and healeth the stroke of their wound. Is. 30:26.

O long-expected dawning,—Come with Thy cheering ray!—When shall the morning brighten,—The shadows flee away?—O sweet anticipation!—It cheers the watchers on,—To pray, and hope, and labor,—Till the dark night be gone.

They left all, and followed Him. Lu. 5:11.

Thou hast passed on before our face;—Thy footsteps on the way we trace;—O, keep us, aid us by Thy grace:—We follow Thee.

TUESDAY 19.—1 Sam. 17:12-25. Acts 23:1-11.

The LORD bless thee, O habitation of righteousness, O mountain of holiness. Jer. 31:23

Preserve Thy Church, Lord Jesus, everywhere,—And grant that she rich fruit for Thee may bear;—Build her outward structure, fill her with glory,—And let each member praise Thee and adore Thee,—And serve Thy Name.

Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Matt. 18:4.

A lowly mind impart to me,—According to my prayer;—Since those who know their poverty,—To the Most High are near.

WEDNESDAY 20.—1 Sam. 17:26-38. Acts 23:12-21.

Do good in Thy good pleasure unto Zion. Ps. 51:18.

Saviour, if of Zion's city—I through grace a member am,—Let the world deride or pity,—I will glory in Thy Name;—Fading is the worldling's pleasure,—All his boasted pomp and show;—Solid joy and lasting treasure—None but Zion's children know.

If thou wouldst enter into life, keep the commandments. Matt. 19:17.

May He teach us to fulfill—What is pleasing in His sight;—Perfect us in all His will,—And preserve us day and night.

THURSDAY 21.—Memorial Day.—1 Sam. 17:39-58. Acts 23:22-35.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee. Ps. 122:6.

I love Thy Kingdom, Lord,—The house of Thine abode,—The Church our blest Redeemer saved—With His own precious blood.—For her my tears shall fall,—For her my prayers ascend;—To her my cares and toils be given,—Till toils and cares shall end.

Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. Mark 16:15.

So shall our lives Thy power proclaim,—Thy grace for every sinner free.—Till all mankind shall know Thy Name,—Shall all stretch out their hands to Thee.

FRIDAY 22.—1 Sam. 18:1-16. Acts 24:1-9.

Remember, O LORD, Thy tender mercies and Thy lovingkindnesses; For they have been ever of old. Ps. 25:6.

While we Thy past dealings—Gratefully review,—We're assured, Thy mercies—Are each morning new;—And that Thou wilt freely—Give Thy promised grace,—And amidst our weakness—Form us to Thy praise.

How hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God. Mark 10:24.

Give me, for my spirit's health,—Neither poverty nor wealth.

SATURDAY 23.—1 Sam. 19:1-12. Jer. 7:1-11.

Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. Gen. 6:8.

We thirst, O Lord; give us this day—To taste more of Thy grace.

For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. John 1:17.

O to grace how great a debtor—Daily I'm constrained to be!—Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter, —Bind my wandering heart to Thee.

35th Week — 10th Sunday after Trinity.

SUNDAY 24.—Epistle, 1 Cor. 12:1-11. Gospel, Lu. 19:41-48.

They joy before Thee according to the joy in harvest. Is. 9:3.

O joy, to live for Thee!—O joy, in Thee to die! —O very joy of joys, to see—Thy face eternally!

If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, nothing shall be impossible unto you. Matt. 17:19.

Give us Thy Spirit's power to feel,—Baptize each soul with holy fire;—And with devotion's burning zeal—Do Thou our every thought inspire.

MONDAY 25.—Ps. 51. Acts 24:10-27.

Jacob said, I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved. Gen. 32:31.

And, looking on His face, I know—Weak, worthless, though I be—How deep, how measureless, how sweet,—The love of God to me.

Ananias said, Arise, and be baptized and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord. Acts 22:16.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood—Shall never lose its power,—Till all the ransomed Church of God—Be saved, to sin no more.

TUESDAY 26.—1 Sam. 20·1-16. Acts 24:10-27.

Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt speak. Ex. 4:12.

Bear ye witness—To His greatness;—Spread the story—Of His glory,—To the earth's remotest bounds.

But watch ye at every season, making supplication, that ye may prevail to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man. Lu. 21:36

From dark temptation's power,—From Satan's wiles defend;—Deliver in the evil hour,—And guide us to the end.

WEDNESDAY 27.—1 Sam. 20:17-42. Acts 25: 13-27.

I will teach transgressors Thy ways; And sinners shall be converted unto Thee. Ps. 51:13.

And when of Thee we testify—Fill Thou our hearts with holy joy.

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken wherein they were gathered together; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Acts 4:31.

Kindle our senses from above,—And make our hearts o'erflow with love;—With patience firm, and virtue high,—The weakness of our flesh supply.

THURSDAY 28.—1 Sam. 23 :14-28. Acts 26 :1-18.

I love thee, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; My God, my rock, in Whom I will take refuge. Ps. 18 :1, 2.

Other refuge have I none,—Hangs my helpless soul on Thee;—Leave, O leave me not alone,—Still support and comfort me:—All my trust on Thee is stayed,—All my help from Thee I bring.

He that loveth his life loseth it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. John 12 :25.

Then to all who have confesséd,—Loved and served the Lord below,—He will say, "Come near, ye blesséd,—See the kingdom I bestow:—You for ever—Shall my love and glory know."

FRIDAY 29.—1 Sam. 24. Acts 26 :19-32.

I will be as the dew unto Israel; he shall blossom as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon. His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive-tree. Hosea 14 :5,6.

The heavenly dew shall nourish—A seed in weakness sown,—Whose fruit shall spread and flourish,—And shake like Lebanon.

He that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved. Matt. 10 :22.

Then persevere till death—Shall bring thee to thy God;—He'll take thee, at thy parting breath,—To His divine abode.

SATURDAY 30.—1 Sam. 25 :1-12. Dan. 9 :15-18.

A seed shall serve Him; It shall be told of

the Lord unto the next generation. Ps. 22:30.

We and our house will serve Thee, Lord,—Thy word we will obey:—Grant us and all our children grace,—In word and deed Thy Name to praise,—Yea, in each family, Thy will—And purpose to fulfill.

Let us therefore give diligence to enter into that rest. Heb. 4:11.

Work, for the night is coming,—Work through the sunny noon;—Fill brightest hours with labor,—Rest surely comes and soon.

36th Week — 11th Sunday after Trinity.

SUNDAY 31.—Epistle, 1 Cor. 15:1-11. Gospel, Lu. 18:9-14.

But in mount Zion there shall be those that escape, and it shall be holy. Obad. 17.

Is God my strong salvation,—No enemy I fear;—He hears my supplication,—Dispelling all my care.

Rejoice that your names are written in heaven. Lu. 10:20.

When all with awe the throne surround—To hear their doom allotted,—Oh, may my worthless name be found—In the Lamb's book unblotted.

SEPTEMBER.

MONDAY 1.—Ps. 56. Acts 27:1-19.

Then shall I not be put to shame, When I have respect unto all Thy commandments. Ps. 119:6.

The Lord will grace and glory give—To those who humbly seek His face;—We live for glory

while we live,—And seek it in the paths of grace.—For grace is glory here begun,—And, till the heavenly prize is won,—The Christian finds through all his race,—That grace is glory, glory grace.

This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a testimony unto all the nations; and then shall the end come. Matt. 24:14.

Salvation! O salvation!—The joyful sound proclaim,—Till earth's remotest nation—Has learned Messiah's Name.

TUESDAY 2.—1 Sam. 25:13-31. Acts 27:20-32.

They shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness. Zech. 8:8.

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul! Who, thy pardon assuring,—Heals thy diseases, and grants thee new life ever-enduring,—Joy amid woe,—Peace amid strife here below,—Unto thee ever securing.

For whosoever shall do the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother, and sister, and mother. Matt. 12:50.

Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth Thee;—Thou art my God, in Thee I live and move.

WEDNESDAY 3.—1 Sam. 25:32-42. Acts 27:33-44.

In the day that I called Thou answeredst me, Thou didst encourage me with strength in my soul. Ps. 138:3.

With the strong word of faith—We stay ourselves on Thee;—That Thou, O Lord, in life and death—Our Help shalt be.

If therefore thou art offering thy gift at the

altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way, first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. Matt. 5:23, 24.

May it to the world appear,—That we Thy disciples are,—By our loving mutually,—By our being one in Thee.

THURSDAY 4.—1 Sam. 26:1-12. Acts 28:1-15.

Lift up your eyes on high, and see Who hath created these, that bringeth out their host by number. He calleth them all by name; by the greatness of His might, and for that He is strong in power, not one is lacking. Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the LORD, and the justice due to me is passed away from my God? Is. 40: 26, 27.

He built the earth, He spread the sky,—And fixed the starry lights on high;—Wonders of grace to God belong,—Repeat His mercies in your song.

Believe ye that I am able to do this? Matt. 9:28.

O help us, through the power of faith—More firmly to believe!

FRIDAY 5.—1 Sam. 26:13-25. Acts 28:16-31.

Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD; awake, as in the days of old, the generations of ancient times. Is. 51:9.

God of mercy, God of grace,—Show the bright-

ness of Thy face;—Shine upon us, Saviour, shine,—Fill Thy Church with life divine:—And Thy saving health extend—Unto earth's remotest end.

All things have been delivered unto Me of My Father. Matt. 11:27.

How are Thy servants blest, O Lord!—How sure is their defence!—Eternal wisdom is their guide,—Their help, omnipotence.

SATURDAY 6.—1 Sam. 28:3-25. Isa. 29:18-21.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him; He also will hear their cry, and will save them. Ps. 145:19.

The Lord hath promised good to me,—His word my hope secures;—He will my shield and portion be—As long as life endures.

Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father Who is in heaven. Matt. 18:19.

O Thou Who hearest prayer,—The God of power and might;—To seek Thy face he all our care,—Our whole delight.

37th Week — 12th Sunday after Trinity.

SUNDAY 7.—Epistle, 2 Cor. 3·4-11. Gospel, Mark 7:31-37.

The LORD dwelleth in Zion. Joel 4:21.

God ruleth in heaven,—Almighty to save;—And yet He is with us,—His presence we have.

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He shall dwell with them, and they shall be His peoples, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God. Rev. 21:3.

Lord, we Thy presence seek;—May ours this blessing be;—Give us a pure and lowly heart,—A temple meet for Thee.

MONDAY 8.—Ps. 57. 1 Thess. 1.

God hath power to help and to cast down. 2 Chron. 25:8.

Yea, should it e'en to man appear—At times, as though our Lord—Forsook His chosen people here,—At last He'll help afford.

He Himself took our infirmities, and bare our diseases. Matt. 8:17.

Grant me that firm, unshaken faith,—That Thou, my Saviour, by Thy death—Hast purchased my salvation.

TUESDAY 9.—1 Sam. 31. 1 Thess. 2:1-12.

I have looked upon Thee in the sanctuary to see Thy power and Thy glory. Ps. 63:2.

Blest city of the Lord,—Thou in spite of every powerful foe—Shalt unshaken stand, and prospering grow,—'Midst disgrace—To God's praise,—Both in love and unity:—Praise God eternally.

Behold, I make all things new. Rev. 21:5.

O Jesus, shorten the delay,—And hasten Thy salvation,—That we may see that glorious day—Produce a new creation.

WEDNESDAY 10.—2 Sam. 1:17-27. 1 Thess. 2:13-20.

Give ear unto my voice when I call unto Thee. Let my prayer be set forth as incense before Thee; The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. Ps. 141:1, 2.

We perish if we cease from prayer;—Oh grant us power to pray!—And when to meet Thee we prepare,—Lord, meet us by the way.

I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest and thou art dead. Rev. 3:1.

Oh help us, when our spirits bleed,—With contrite anguish sore;—And when our hearts are cold and dead,—Oh help us, Lord, the more.

THURSDAY 11.—2 Sam. 5:1-11. 1 Thess. 3.

The LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Deut. 13:3.

Our faith is feeble, we confess;—We faintly trust Thy word:—But wilt Thou pity us the less?—Be that far from Thee, Lord.

Ephphatha, that is, Be opened. Mark 7:34.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,—Your loosened tongues employ;—Ye blind, behold your Saviour come;—And leap, ye lame, for joy.

FRIDAY 12.—2 Sam. 6:1-15. 1 Thess. 4:1-12.

When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, in the latter days thou shalt return to the LORD thy God, and hearken unto His voice. Deut. 4:30.

Burdened with guilt, convinced of sin,—In weakness, want and woe,—Fightings without, and fears within,—Lord, whither shall we go?—God of all grace, we come to Thee,—With broken, contrite hearts.

Jesus called to Him a little child, and set him in the midst of them. Matt. 18:1.

When simplicity we cherish,—Then the heart is full of light.

SATURDAY 13.—2 Sam. 7:1-17. Zech. 7:4-10.

He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, And from the River unto the ends of the earth. Ps. 72:8.

All nations shall adore Him;—His praise all people sing;—For He shall have dominion—O'er river, sea, and shore,—Far as the eagle's pinion—Or dove's light wing can soar.

All authority hath been given unto Me in heaven and on earth. Matt. 28:18.

Now, for the travail of His soul,—Messiah's peaceful reign advance;—From sun to sun, from pole to pole,—He claims His pledged inheritance.

38th Week — 13th Sunday after Trinity.

SUNDAY 14.—Epistle, Gal. 3:15-22. Gospel, Lu. 10:23-37.

They shall come and shall declare His righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that He hath done it. Ps. 22:31.

Thy Name be praisèd,—Loudest songs be raisèd, —Till to earth's remotest bounds—Extend the joyous sounds.

For I say unto you, that except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven. Matt. 5:20.

Finish then Thy new creation;—Pure and sinless let us be;—Let us see Thy great salvation,—Perfectly restored in Thee;—Changed from glory into glory,—Till in heaven we take our place,—Till we

cast our crowns before Thee.—Lost in wonder, love and praise.

MONDAY 15.—Ps. 61. 1 Thess. 4:13-18.

I will make them a praise and a name, whose shame hath been in all the earth. Zeph. 3:19.

They who reproach here bear,—In heaven a crown shall wear;—Who follow Christ are truly blest,—For they with Him shall ever rest.

He that overcometh, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go out thence no more: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God, and mine own new name. Rev. 3:12.

He, who well endureth,—Bright reward secureth; —Come then, O Lord Jesus,—From our sins release us;—Let us here confess Thee,—Till in heaven we bless Thee.

TUESDAY 16.—Memorial Day.—2 Sam. 7:18-29. 1 Thess. 5:1-11.

What is man, that Thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that Thou visitest him? Ps. 8:4.

What heights, what depths of love divine,—In Thy blest incarnation shine!—Let heaven and earth unite their lays,—To magnify Thy boundless grace.

One is your teacher, and all ye are brethren. Matt. 23:8.

Give grace, that as brethren we join hands in love, —Engaging to Thee ever faithful to prove,—Wher-e'er to Thy service appointed we stand,—To sow or to reap, at Thy call and command.

WEDNESDAY 17.—2 Sam. 9:1-13. 1 Thess. 5: 12-28.

Thou wilt guide me with Thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory. Ps. 73:24.

Leader of faithful souls, and Guide—Of all that travel to the sky,—Come, and with us, e'en us abide, —Who would on Thee alone rely;—On Thee alone our spirits stay,—While held in life's uneven way.

The righteous shall shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Matt. 13:43.

Oh, sweet and blessèd country,—The home of God's elect!—Oh, sweet and blesséd country,—That eager hearts expect!—Jesus, in mercy bring us—To that dear land of rest;—Who art, with God the Father,—And Spirit, ever blest.

THURSDAY 18.—2 Sam. 15:1-14. 2 Thess. 1.

Ye yourselves have seen that I have talked with you from heaven. Ye shall not make other gods with Me; gods of silver, or gods of gold, ye shall not make unto you. Ex. 20:22, 23.

Other lords have long held sway:—Now Thy Name alone to bear,—Thy dear voice alone obey,— Is my daily, hourly prayer.

The words that I have spoken unto you are spirit, and are life. John 6:63.

O Master, point Thou out the way,—Nor suffer Thou our steps to stray;—Then in the path that leads to day—We follow Thee.

FRIDAY 19.—2 Sam. 15·19-29. 2 Thess. 2:1-12.

Why standest Thou afar off, O LORD? Why hidest Thy Thyself in times of trouble? Ps. 10:1.

The Lord is never far away,—But, through all grief distressing—An ever present help and stay,—Our peace and joy and blessing.

God is not far from each one of us: for in Him we live, and move, and have our being. Acts 17:27, 28.

In Thee I live, and move and am;—Thou num-ber'st all my days:—As Thou renew'st my being, Lord,—Let me renew Thy praise.

SATURDAY 20.—2 Sam. 15:30-37. Ps. 50:14-23.

And all Judah rejoiced at the oath; for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought Him with their whole desire. 2 Chron. 15:15.

To this the joyful nations round,—All tribes and tongues shall flow;—Up to the hill of God, they'll say,—And to His house we'll go.

Beware of false prophets. Matt. 7:15.

From the doctrines I'll ne'er waver,—In the Holy Scriptures stored.

39th Week — 14th Sunday after Trinity.

SUNDAY 21.—Epistle, Gal. 5:16-24. Gospel, Lu. 17:11-19.

God said to Noah: I do set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between Me and the earth. Gen. 9:13.

My soul then with assurance—Hope still, be not dismayed.

God left not Himself without witness, in that He did good and gave you from heaven rains and fruitful seasons, filling your hearts with food and gladness. Acts. 14:17.

His hands provide our food,—And every blessing give;—We feed upon His care,—And in His pastures live.—With cheerful songs declare His ways,—And let His praise inspire our tongues.

MONDAY 22.—Ps. 62. 2 Thess. 2:13—3:5.

O LORD, the God of Israel, there is no God like Thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath; who keepest covenant and lovingkindness with Thy servants, that walk before Thee with all their heart. 1 Kings 8:23.

All glory to the Sovereign Good,—And Father of compassion,—To God, our Help and Sure Abode,—Whose gracious visitation—Renews His blessings every day,—And takes our griefs and fears away:—Give to our God the glory.

Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. John 20:29.

Teach me to live by faith;—Conform my will to Thine;—Let me victorious be in death,—And then in glory shine.

TUESDAY 23.—2 Sam. 16:1-14. 2 Thess. 3:6-18.

The cords of death compassed me. And the pains of Sheol gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow. Then called I upon the name of the LORD: O LORD, I beseech Thee, deliver my soul. Ps. 116:3, 4.

Thou knowest, Lord, the weariness and sorrow—Of the sad heart that comes to Thee for rest;—Cares of to-day, and burdens for to-morrow.—Blessings implored, and sins to be confessed;—We come before Thee at Thy gracious word,—And lay them at Thy feet: Thou knowest, Lord.

Let not your heart be troubled: believe in God, believe also in Me. John 14:1.

For I will be with thee, thy trouble to bless,—
And sanctify to the thy deepest distress.

WEDNESDAY 24.—*2* Sam. 17:1-14. 1 Pet. 1:1-12.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us. Ps. 67:1.

With Thy presence, Lord, our Head and Saviour,
—Bless us all we humbly pray;—Our dear Heavenly Father's love and favor—Be our comfort every day;
—May the Holy Ghost in each proceeding—Favor us with His most gracious leading:—Thus shall we be truly blest,—Both in labor and in rest.

He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father. John 14:9.

Thou the spring of all my comfort,—More than life to me,—Whom have I on earth beside Thee?—Whom in heaven but Thee?

THURSDAY 25.—2 Sam. 17:15-24. 1 Pet. 1:13-25.

Hear, O Israel: the LORD our God is one LORD: and thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. Deut. 6:4, 5.

Thy power divine afford me grace—To love Thee, and to walk Thy ways,—And never from Thee to depart.

If ye love Me, ye will keep My commandments. John 14:15.

Faithful Lord, my only joy and pleasure—Shall remain, while here I stay,—Thee, my matchless Friend and highest Treasure,—To adore, serve and obey.

FRIDAY 26.—2 Sam. 18:1-18. 1 Pet. 2:1-10.

The LORD did not set His love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all peoples: but because the LORD loveth you, and because He would keep the oath which He sware unto your fathers. Deut. 7:7, 8.

Naught but loving condescension—Still inclines
His faithful heart—To support and take their part,
—Who pursue His blest intention.—All things to
their period tend,—But His mercy has no end.

By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another. John 13:35.

Grant, Lord, that with Thy direction,—"Love each
other," we comply,—Aiming with unfeigned affec-
tion—Thy love to exemplify.

SATURDAY 27.—2 Sam. 18:19-33. 1 Kings 17: 8-16.

O LORD, righteousness belongeth unto Thee, but unto us confusion of face. Dan. 9:7.

Though sin with us doth much abound,—Yet grace
still more aboundeth.

Even as the Father hath loved Me, I also have loved you: abide in My love. John 15:9.

Oh, make me Thine forever;—And should I faint-
ing be,—Lord, let me never, never—Outlive my love
to Thee!

40th Week — 15th Sunday after Trinity.

SUNDAY 28.—Epistle, Gal. 5:25—6:10. Gospel, Lu. 7:11-17.

The LORD your God, He is God of gods, and

Lord of lords, the great God, the mighty, and the terrible, Who regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward. Deut. 10:17.

With deeply humbled hearts we make confession,
—Lord, of our sin and manifold transgression;—
But Thou art merciful, and grace unmeasured—In
Thee is treasured.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no one cometh unto the Father, but by Me. John 14:6.

Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life;—Grant
us that Way to know,—That Truth to keep, that
Life to win,—Whose joys eternal flow.

MONDAY 29.—Ps. 68. 1 Pet. 2:11-25.

The LORD is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and of great lovingkindness. Ps. 145:8.

Hungry souls He on rich pastures feedeth;—
Those who thirst, to living waters leadeth,—Hears
the needy sinner's cry,—And to help and save is
nigh.

There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth. Lu. 15:10.

Hark, hark, my soul! angelic songs are swelling—
O'er earth's green field's and ocean's wave-beat
shore:—How sweet the truth those blesséd strains
are telling—Of that new life when sin shall be no
more.—Angels of Jesus, angels of light,—Singing
to welcome the pilgrims of night.

TUESDAY 30.—2 Sam. 19:8b-14, 24-30. 1 Pet. 3:1-9.

Behold, as the clay in the potter's hand, so are ye in My hand, O house of Israel. Jerem. 18:6.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,—And in the depth be praise,—In all His words most wonderful, —Most sure in all His ways.

Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit, He taketh it away; and every branch that beareth fruit, He cleanseth it, that it may bear more fruit. John 15:2.

In Thy love and knowledge, gracious Saviour,—May we more and more abound;—Thy complete atonement shall for ever—Of our doctrine be the ground;—Grant that all may, in Thy word believing,—And to Thee, the Vine, as branches cleaving, —Through Thy Father's nursing care—Fruit unto Thy honor bear.

OCTOBER.

WEDNESDAY 1.—2 Sam. 19:31-40. 1 Pet. 3: 10-22.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keepeth thee will not slumber. Ps. 121:3.

What God's almighty power hath made—His gracious mercy keepeth;—By morning glow or evening shade—His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;—Within the kingdom of His grace—Prevail His truth and righteousness;—To God all praise and glory.

Father, I desire that they also whom Thou hast given Me be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory, which Thou hast given Me: for Thou lovedst Me before the foundation of the world. John 17:24.

Glories upon glories—Hath our God prepared,—By the souls that love Him—One day to be shared;

—Eye hath not beheld them,—Ear hath never heard;
—Nor of these hath uttered—Thought or speech a word.

THURSDAY 2.—1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12. 1 Pet. 4:1-11.

Thou in Thy lovingkindness hast led the people that Thou hast redeemed: Thou hast guided them in Thy strength to Thy holy habitation. Ex. 15:13.

Lead, kindly Light! amid the encircling gloom,—
Lead Thou me on;—The night is dark, and I am far from home,—Lead Thou me on;—Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see—The distant scene; one step enough for me.

When therefore it was evening, on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. John 20:19.

Let not your heart be faint,—My peace I give to you:—Such peace, as reason never planned,—As worldlings never knew.

FRIDAY 3.—1 Kings 3:1-15. 1 Pet. 4·12-19.

Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, Who only doeth wondrous things: And blessed be His glorious name for ever; And let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Ps. 72:18, 19.

Peoples and realms of every tongue—Dwell on His love with sweetest song.

Worthy art Thou, our Lord and our God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power;

for Thou didst create all things, and because of Thy will they were, and were created. Rev. 4:11.

Worthy, O Lord, art Thou,—That every knee should bow,—Every tongue to Thee confess;—Universal nature join,—Strong and mighty, Thee to bless;—Gracious, merciful, benign.

SATURDAY 4.—1 Kings 5:1-18. Job 5:17-26.

Thou didst establish to Thyself Thy people Israel to be a people unto Thee forever; and Thou, LORD, becamest their God. 2 Sam. 7:24.

When shall Thine hour, dear Jesus, come,—That Israel's sons shall be brought home?—When shall they in Thy Name confide,—Whom once their fathers crucified?

Salvation from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us. Lu. 1:71.

Lord, Thou canst help when earthly armor faileth,—Lord, Thou canst save when deadly sin assaileth,—Lord, o'er Thy Rock nor death nor hell prevaileth:—Grant us Thy peace, O Lord.

41st Week — 16th Sunday after Trinity.

SUNDAY 5.—Epistle, Eph. 3:13-21. Gospel, Lu. 7:11-17.

Now therefore why should we die? for this great fire will consume us: if we hear the voice of the LORD our God any more, then we shall die. For who is there of all flesh, that hath heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived? Deut. 5:25, 26.

Not to the mount that burned with fire,—But to

Mount Zion are we come,—The city of the living God.

Then shall the righteous answer Him, saying, LORD, when saw we Thee hungry, and fed Thee? or athirst, and gave Thee drink? Matt. 25:37.

Wondrous honor hast Thou given—To our humblest charity,—In Thine own mysterious sentence,—"Ye have done it unto Me!"

MONDAY 6.—Ps. 65. 1 Pet. 5.

Teach me Thy way, O LORD; and lead me in a plain path because of mine enemies. Ps. 27:11.

Lord, teach us so to mark our days,—That we may prize them duly:—So guide our feet in wisdom's ways,—That we may love Thee truly.

Unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not, even that which he hath shall be taken away. Matt. 25:29.

Constrain us by Thy love,—In all we do to prove —Faithful followers,—Dear Lord, of Thee; and grant that we—May ever love Thee ardently.

TUESDAY 7.—1 Kings 8:1-11. 2 Pet. 1:1-11.

The LORD God hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away backward. Is. 50:5.

Vouchsafe, O Heavenly Father, to instruct me—In the straight way wherein I ought to go,—To life eternal and to heaven conduct me,—Through health and sickness, and through weal and woe.

Tell ye the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy

King cometh unto thee, Meek, and riding upon an ass, And upon a colt the foal of an ass. Matt. 21:5.

Zion hears the watchman singing,—And all her heart with joy is springing;—She wakes, she rises from her gloom;—For her Lord comes down all glorious—The strong in grace, in truth victorious, —Her Star is risen, her Light is come!

WEDNESDAY 8.—1 Kings 8:12-26. 2 Pet. 1: 12-21.

Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evi? Job 2:8.

Lord God, we worship Thee:—Thou didst indeed chastise us;—Yet still Thy goodness spares,—And still Thy mercy tries us.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches. He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death. Rev. 2:11.

Arm these Thy servants, mighty Lord,—With shield of faith and Spirit's sword;—Forth to the battle may they go,—And boldly fight against the foe,—With banner of the Cross unfurled,—And by it overcome the world;—And so at last receive from Thee—The palm and crown of victory.

THURSDAY 9.—1 Kings 8:27-40. 2 Pet. 3:1-9.

Thou hast proved my heart; Thou hast visited me in the night; Thou hast tried me, and findest nothing. Ps. 17:3.

How needful, strictly to inquire—And ask our hearts each day,—"Does Jesus' love me still inspire, —My thoughts and actions sway?—Am I a branch in Christ, the Vine?—Am I His own, and is He

mine?—Do I by faith unto Him cleave,—And to His honor live?"

Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matt. 11:28.

I came to Jesus as I was,—Weary and worn and sad.—I found in Him my resting-place,—And He has made me glad.

FRIDAY 10.—1 Kings 8:41-53. 2 Pet. 3:10-18.

On thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple. Ps. 27:4.

From busy scenes we here retreat,—That we may here converse with Thee:—Ah, Lord, behold us at Thy feet;—Let this the gate of heaven be.

The stone which the builders rejected, The same was made the head of the corner. Lu. 20:17.

Hail, Thou once despised Jesus,—Hail, Thou Galilean King!—Thou didst suffer to release us;—Thou didst free salvation bring.

SATURDAY 11.—1 Kings 8:54-66. Ps. 75:5-8.

Thou wilt arise, and have mercy upon Zion; For it is time to have pity upon her, Yea, the set time is come. Ps. 102:13.

Zion hears the watchman singing,—And all her heart with joy is springing;—She wakes, she rises from her gloom;—For her Lord comes down all glorious,—The strong in grace, in truth victorious,—Her Star is risen, her Light is come!

Be yourselves like unto men looking for their

lord, when he shall return from the marriage feast; that, when he cometh and knocketh, they may straightway open unto him. Lu. 12:36.

The Bridegrom comes, awake,—Your lamps with gladness take;—Hallelujah!—And for His marriage feast prepare,—For ye must go to meet Him there.

42nd Week — 17th Sunday after Trinity.

SUNDAY 12.—Epistle, Eph. 4:1-6. Gospel, Lu. 14:1-11.

Stir up Thyself, and awake to the justice due unto me, Even unto my cause, my God and my Lord. Ps. 35:23.

Be Thou at my right hand,—Then can I never fail;—Uphold Thou me, and I shall stand:—Fight, and I must prevail.

And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And the servant was healed in that hour. Matt. 8:13.

True faith receives the offered good,—And promise sealed with Jesus' blood;—Faith gives no title to the bliss,—But takes the Saviour's righteousness.

MONDAY 13.—Isa. 40:1-11. Ps. 66.

He was despised, and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and as one from whom men hide their face He was despised; and we esteemed Him not. Is. 53.3.

Gracious Lord, Who by Thy passion—And death, has gainéd our salvation,—Oh may we all Thy Name confess;—May we by faith united—To Thee, Who hast us all invited—To share eternal happiness.

Save, Lord; we perish. Matt. 8:25.

The wild winds hushed; the angry deep—Sank, like a little child, to sleep;—The sullen billows ceased to leap,—At Thy will.—So, when our life is clouded o'er,—And storm-winds drift us from the shore,—Say, lest we sink to rise no more,—"Peace, be still."

TUESDAY 14.—Is. 40:12-25. John 1:1-14.

And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of them that make merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small. Jerem. 30:19.

'Mid toil and tribulation,—And tumult of her war,—We wait the consummation—Of peace for evermore;—Till with the vision glorious—Our longing eyes are blest,—And the great Church victorious—Shall be the Church at rest.

What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt understand hereafter. John 13:7.

Give us faith, to trust Thee boldly,—Hope, to stay our soul on Thee.

WEDNESDAY 15.—Isa. 40:26-31. John 1:15-28.

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful. Ps. 116:5.

The Lord is just, A Helper tried,—Mercy is ever at His side,—His kingly crown is holiness,—His scepter, pity in distress.

And His disciples answered Him, Whence shall one be able to fill these men with bread here in a desert place? Mark 8:4.

Thou, O Christ art all I want,—All in all in Thee I find.

THURSDAY 16.—Isa. 41:1-10. John 1:29-42.

Now therefore, O God of Israel, let Thy word, I pray Thee, be verified, which Thou spakest unto Thy servant David my father. 1 Kings 8:26.

Our God is truth,—Most faithful is His word.

Ye call Me, Teacher, and, Lord; and ye say well; for so I am. John 13:13.

I will learn of Thee,—To be holy, meek, and tender,—Wrath and pride and self-surrender;—Nothing shouldst Thou see,—But Thyself in me.

FRIDAY 17.—Isa. 41:14-20. John 1:43-51.

Wherefore glorify ye the LORD in the east, even the name of the LORD, the God of Israel, in the isles of the sea. Is. 24:15.

Hark! the desert lands rejoice,—And the islands join their voice;—Joy! the whole creation sings,—"Jesus is the King of kings!"

And He sat down, and called the twelve; and He saith unto them, If any man would be first, he shall be last of all, and servant of all. Mark 9:35.

When pride would stir within my breast,—I find no happiness nor rest;—But, walking in humility,—Have perfect peace and joy in Thee.

SATURDAY 18.—2 Chron. 1:7-12. John 2:1-11.

And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh. Ezek. 11:19.

Breathe, oh, breathe Thy loving Spirit—Into every troubled breast;—Let us all in Thee inherit,—Let

us find the promised rest:—Take away the love of sinning;—Alpha and Omega be;—End of faith, as its Beginning!—Set our hearts at liberty.

Whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only, in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you he shall in no wise lose his reward. Matt. 10:42.

We would believe Thy word,—Though dim our faith may be;—Whate'er we do for Thine, O Lord, —We do it unto Thee.

43rd Week — 18th Sunday after Trinity.

SUNDAY 19.—Epistle, 1 Cor. 1:4-9. Gospel, Matt. 22.34-46.

In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness. Zech. 13:1.

Rock of ages, cleft for me,—Let me hide myself in Thee;—Let the water and the blood,—From Thy riven side which flowed,—Be of sin the double cure, —Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Ye are the light of the world. Matt. 5:14.

Shall we, whose souls are lighted—With wisdom from on high,—Shall we to men benighted—The lamp of life deny?—Salvation! O salvation!—The joyful sound proclaim,—Till earth's remotest nation—Has learned Messiah's Name.

MONDAY 20.—Isa. 42:1-12. Ps. 68:1-11.

Remember me, O Lord, with the favor that Thou bearest unto Thy people. Ps. 106:4.

He will never fail us,—He will not forsake,—His eternal covenant—He will never break.

Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. Matt. 16:18.

See round Thine ark the h ngry billows curling,
—See how Thy foes their banners are unfurling;—
Lord, while their darts envenomed they are hurling,
—Thou canst preserve us.

TUESDAY 21.—Isa. 43:1-11. John 2:12-25.

Violence shall no more be heard in Thy land, desolation nor destruction within Thy borders; but Thou shalt call Thy walls Salvation, and Thy gates Praise. Is. 60:18.

There dwells the Lord our King,—The Lord our Righteousness:—Triumphant o'er the world and sin,
—The Prince of peace,—On Sion's sacred height,—
His Kingdom still maintains,—And glorious, with His saints in light,—For ever reigns.

And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath made thee whole. Lu. 18:42.

Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old—Was strong to heal and save;—It triumphed o'er disease and death,—O'er darkness and the grave;—To Thee they went, the blind, the dumb,—The palsied, and the lame,—The leper, with his tainted life,—The sick with fevered frame.

WEDNESDAY 22.—Isa. 43.12-25. John 3.1-21.

Oh come, let us sing unto the LORD; Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Ps. 95:1.

From the sword at noonday wasting,—From the noisome pestilence—In the depth of midnight blasting,—God shall be thy sure Defence.

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God, the Al-

mighty, Who was and Who is and Who is to come. Rev. 4:8.

A sinful man am I,—Therefore I come to Thee—
To Thee, the Holy and the Just,—That Thou mayst pity me.

● **THURSDAY 23.**—Isa. 44:1-8, 21, 22. John 3: 22-36.

And the name of the city from that day shall be, The LORD is there. Ezek. 48:35.

Though foes on every side assail,—This city hath a sure defense;—Against her they shall ne'er prevail,—While guarded by omnipotence.

This beginning of His signs did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed on Him. John 2:11.

Be Thou our great Deliverer still,—Thou Lord of life and death;—Restore and quicken, soothe and bless,—With Thine almighty breath:—To hands that work and eyes that see,—Give wisdom's heavenly lore,—That whole and sick, and weak and strong,—May praise Thee evermore.

FRIDAY 24.—Isa. 44:23—45:7. John 4:1-15.

Turn away my reproach whereof I am afraid. Ps. 119:39.

When my natural strength is shrinking,—In the time of utmost need,—He, my God, draws nigh with speed,—And recovers me from sinking.—All things to their period tend,—But His mercy has no end.

Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it. Lu. 11:28.

We are the Lord's; then let us gladly tender—
Our souls to Him, in deeds, not empty words;—

Let heart and tongue, and life combine to render—
No doubtful witness that we are the Lord's.

SATURDAY 25.—Ps. 32:1-7. John 4:16-29.

Jehovah appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee. Jerem. 31:3.

Thee will I love, my Strength and Tower,—My soul with love to Thee inspire;—Thee will I love with all my power;—Thou art alone my soul's Desire:—Thee will I love, my King and God;—Shed in my heart Thy love abroad.

These things have I spoken unto you, that in Me ye may have peace. In the world ye have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. John 16:33.

His Spirit cheers my spirit—With many a precious word,—That I shall joy inherit,—By trusting in the Lord:—Since, after tribulation—All those who Jesus love,—Have that blest expectation—To live with Him above.

44th Week — 19th Sunday after Trinity.

SUNDAY 26.—Epistle, Eph. 4:17-32. Gospel, Matt. 9:1-8.

I have called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me. Is. 45:4.

Let Christ assure me He is mine,—I nothing want beside;—My soul shall at the Fountain live,—When all the streams are dried.

The kingdom of heaven is like unto a treasure hidden in the field: which a man found,

and hid; and in his joy he goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. Matt. 13:44.

Hidden in Christ the treasure lies,—That goodly pearl of so great price;—No other way but Christ there is—To endless happiness and bliss.

MONDAY 27.—Isa. 45:8-25. Ps. 71.

They shall come with weeping; and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by rivers of waters, in a straight way wherein they shall not stumble. Jerem. 31:9.

Meanwhile our lot is fallen in pleasant places,—A goodly heritage we have indeed:—The Lamb to follow and show forth His praises,—And in His footsteps with His flock to tread.

And when the voice came, Jesus was found alone. Lu. 9:36.

"Jesus only!" in the shadow—Of the cloud so chill and dim,—We are clinging, loving, trusting,—He with us and we with Him:—All unseen, though ever nigh,—"Jesus only!"—all our cry.

TUESDAY 28.—Isa. 48:1-11. John 4:30-42.

Sing praises to the LORD, who dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people His doings. Ps. 9:11.

Lamb of God, Thou shalt remain for ever—Of our songs the only theme:—For Thy boundless love, Thy grace and favor,—We will praise Thy saving Name.

Great and marvellous are Thy works, O Lord God, the Almighty; righteous and true are Thy ways, Thou King of the ages. Rev. 15:3.

Wonders of grace to God belong,—Repeat His mercies in your song.

WEDNESDAY 29.—Isa. 48:12-22. John 4:43-54.

Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all ye that hope in the Lord. Ps. 31:24.

With new grace, dear Lord, array me,—And from strength to strength convey me;—For Thy service make me ready,—Sanctify both soul and body.

Long time therefore they tarried there speaking boldly in the Lord, Who bare witness unto the work of His grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands. Acts 14:3.

Saviour, now for strength we plead,—In Thy love together banded,—To advance where Thou dost lead—Doing what Thou hast commanded:—Heart and hand we pledge Thee here,—Give us grace to persevere.

THURSDAY 30.—Isa. 49:1-7. John 5:1-13.

I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread. Ps. 132:15.

The King of love my Shepherd is,—Whose goodness faileth never,—I nothing lack if I am His,—And He is mine for ever.

Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to Me shall not hunger. John 6:35.

Bread of life,—Christ by Whom alone we live;—Bread, that came to us from heaven,—My poor soul can never thrive,—Unless Thou appease its craving:—Lord, I hunger only after Thee,—Feed Thou me.

FRIDAY 31.—Isa. 49:8-18. John 5:14-29.

In that day shall men look unto their Maker,

and their eyes shall have respect to the Holy One of Israel. Is. 17:7.

Look unto Him, ye nations; own—Your God, ye fallen race.

He that believeth on Me, as the scripture hath said, from within Him shall flow rivers of living water. John 7:38.

Thanks we give, and adoration,—For Thy gospel's joyful sound;—May the fruits of Thy salvation—In our hearts and lives abound;—May Thy presence—With us evermore be found.

NOVEMBER.

SATURDAY 1.—Prov. 2:1-8. John 5·30-47.

Truly in the LORD our God is the salvation of Israel. Jerem. 3:23.

Triumph and reign in me,—And spread Thy victory;—Sin, and death, and hell control,—Pride and self, and every foe;—All subdue, through all my soul—Conquering and to conquer go.

These are they that come out of the great tribulation, and they washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Rev. 7:14.

They all, in life and death,—With Thee, their Lord, in view,—Learned from Thy Holy Spirit's breath—To suffer and to do.—For this Thy Name we bless,—And humbly pray that we—May follow them in holiness,—And live and die in Thee.

45th Week — 20th Sunday after Trinity.

SUNDAY 2.—Epistle, Eph. 5:15-21. Gospel, Matt. 22:1-14.

I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed: he shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. Gen. 3:15.

Join to render thanks and praises—To our faithful covenant-God,—For the undeservéd mercies—Freely upon us bestowed.

The Lion that is of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath overcome. Rev. 5:5.

Conquering Prince and Lord of glory,—Majesty enthroned in light!—All the heavens are bowed before Thee,—Far beyond them spreads Thy might.—Shall I fall not at Thy feet,—And my heart with rapture beat,—Now Thy glory is displayed,—Thine ere yet the worlds were made?

MONDAY 3.—Isa. 50. Ps. 73:1-3, 12-26.

What shall I render unto the LORD for all His benefits toward me? Ps. 116:12.

Serve with zeal and faithfulness,—Filled with love His Name confess.

Continue ye in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel which ye heard. Col. 1:23.

Grant us to do Thy will,—And in Thy strength go on—From grace to grace, until—We stand before Thy throne.

TUESDAY 4.—Isa. 51:1-11. John 6:1-13.

Jehovah hath comforted His people, He hath redeemed Jerusalem. Isa. 52:9.

Be our Comfort which ne'er faileth,—When any trial us assaileth,—Or when we're needlessly distressed;—Jesus, show, on each occasion,—That Thou our Strength art and Salvation,—Our Shield, our Hiding-place, and Rest.

He that believeth on the Son hath eternal life; but he that obeyeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him. John 3:36.

We are redeemed,—Redeemed to endless bliss,—
Our souls rejoice at this;—With hearts enlargéd—
We see our debts dischargéd,—Our ransom paid.

WEDNESDAY 5.—Isa. 52:1-12. John 6:14-27.

Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, and the lovingkindness to Abraham, which Thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old. Micah 7:20.

In Zion God is known,—A Refuge in distress;—
How bright has His salvation shone—Through all her palaces!—Oft have our fathers told,—Our eyes have often seen,—How well our God secures the fold,—Where His own sheep have been.

Yea and all the prophets from Samuel and them that followed after, as many as have spoken, they also told of these days. Acts 3:24.

What the fathers wished of old,—What the promises foretold,—What the seers did prophesy,—Is fulfilled most gloriously.

THURSDAY 6.—Isa. 52:13—53:9. John 6:28-40.

Now therefore, I pray Thee, if I have found favor in Thy sight, show me now Thy ways, that I may know Thee, to the end that I may find favor in Thy sight: and consider that this nation is Thy people. Ex. 33:13.

Thy Name we bless, Almighty God,—For all the kindness Thou hast shown—To this fair land, by pilgrims trod,—This land we fondly call our own.

Other sheep have I, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice; and they shall become one flock, one shephard. John 10:16.

Souls in heathen darkness lying,—Where no light has broken through,—Souls that Jesus bought by dying,—Whom His soul in travail knew:—Thousand voices—Call us o'er the waters blue.

FRIDAY 7.—Isa. 54:2-15. John 6:41-51.

He humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by everything that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live. Deut. 8:3.

We would not live by bread alone,—But by that word of grace,—In strength of which we travel on —To our abiding-place.

Thou sayest, I am rich, and have gotten riches, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art the wretched one and miserable and poor and blind and naked. Rev. 3:17.

Examine me, all-seeing Lord;—My secret actions prove,—Try out my reins, and search my heart,—And evil thoughts remove.

SATURDAY 8.—2 Sam. 7:17-29. Ps. 75.

Bless Jehovah, all ye His hosts, Ye ministers of His, that do His pleasure. Ps. 103:21.

Glory to our great Creator,—Glory in the highest strain;—Glory to the Mediator,—Both from angels and from men;—To Immanuel:—All the glory doth pertain.

And day by day, continuing steadfastly with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread at home, they took their food with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favor with all the people. Acts 2:46, 47.

Pleasant are Thy courts above,—In the land of light and love;—Pleasant are Thy courts below,—In this land of sin and woe.—O my spirit longs and faints—For the converse of Thy saints;—For the brightness of Thy face,—King of glory, God of grace.

46th Week — 21st Sunday after Trinity.

SUNDAY 9.—Epistle, Eph. 6:10-17. Gospel, John 4:46-54.

I will run the way of Thy commandments, When Thou shalt enlarge my heart. Ps. 119:32.

Church of Christ, His service deem a favor,—Joyfully His death proclaim:—Be prepared for rest or for employment,—From activity derive enjoyment.

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love Me, he will keep My word: and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make our abode with him. John 14:23.

All our days, O Jesus,—Hallow unto Thee;—May our conversation—To Thy honor be:—Let us all experience,—To the end of days,—Thy reviving presence—'Midst Thy chosen race.

MONDAY 10.—Isa. 55. Ps. 77.

The Lord God hath given me the tongue of them that are taught, that I may know how to sustain with words him that is weary. Is. 50:4.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach—The precious things Thou dost impart;—And wing my words that they may reach—The hidden depths of many a heart.

He hath given help to Israel His servant, That He might remember mercy. Lu. 1:54.

Oh help us, Jesus, from on high!—We know no help but Thee:—Oh help us so to live and die,—As Thine in heaven to be.

TUESDAY 11.—Isa. 57:1, 2, 15-21. John 7:1-13.

For who is God, save the LORD? And who is a rock, besides our God. Ps. 18:31.

Wide as the earth is Thy command,—Vast as eternity Thy love,—Firm as a rock Thy truth shall stand,—When rolling years shall cease to move.

And if ye do good to them that do good to you, what thank have ye? for even sinners do the same. Lu. 6:33.

And while we thus obey Thy word,—And every call of want relieve,—Oh, may we find it, gracious Lord!—More blest to give than to receive.

WEDNESDAY 12.—Isa. 58. John 7:14-24.

In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: My hand was stretched out in the night, and slacked not; My soul refused to be comforted. Ps. 77:2.

Thou knowest, not alone as God, All-knowing,—As Man, our mortal weakness Thou hast proved:—On earth, with purest sympathies o'er-flowing,—O Saviour, Thou hast wept, and Thou hast loved;—And love and sorrow still to Thee may come,—And find a hiding-place, a rest, a home.

Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding-garment? Matt. 22:12.

O may Thy blood and righteousness—My beauty be, my glorious dress.

THURSDAY 13.—Memorial Day.—Isa. 59:1-10, 16-21. John 7:25-36.

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Ps. 118:26.

Thou art coming, Thou art coming!—We shall meet Thee on Thy way.—We shall see Thee, we shall know Thee,—We shall show Thee—All our hearts could never say!

Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom. Lu. 12:32.

Jesus, Prince of Peace, be near us,—Fix in all our hearts Thy home;—With Thy gracious presence cheer us,—Let Thy sacred kingdom come.

FRIDAY 14.—Isa. 60. John 7:37-53.

And he said, Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who spake with His mouth unto David my father, and hath with His hand fulfilled it. 1 Kings 8:15.

Has He not His promise passed?—Will He then regardless stand?

I know thy works (behold, I have set before thee a door opened, which none can shut), that thou hast a little power, and didst keep My word, and didst not deny My name. Rev. 3:8.

So shall our lives Thy power proclaim,—Thy grace for every sinner free,—Till all mankind shall know Thy name,—Shall all stretch out their hands to Thee:—Open a door, which earth and hell—May

strive to shut, but strive in vain;—Grant that Thy word may richly dwell—Among us, and our fruit remain!

SATURDAY 15.—Prov. 24:14-20. John 8:1-11.

The people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem; thou shalt weep no more; He will surely be gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear, He will answer thee Is. 30:19.

How precious are Thy thoughts, belovéd Saviour,
Thy thoughts of peace o'er us, the sum how great!
—Already here we in Thy sight find favor,—In Thy sweet nearness heaven anticipate:—And O, what bliss awaits us there,—Where we with the redeemed shall Thy glory share!

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; Who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him. Acts 10:38.

And lo! Thy touch brought life and health,—Gave speech and strength and sight;—And youth renewed and frenzy calmed—Owned Thee, the Lord of light;—And now, O Lord, be near to bless,—Almighty as of yore,—In crowded street, by restless couch,—As by Gennesareth's shore.

47th Week — 22nd Sunday after Trinity.

SUNDAY 16.—Epistle, Phil. 1:3-11. Gospel, Matt. 18:21-35.

Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in justice. And a man shall be as a hiding-place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest, as streams of water in

a dry place, as the shade of a great rock in a weary land. Is. 32:1, 2.

His precious word hath promised me—He will my Joy and Comfort be:—Thereon is my reliance.

And because iniquity shall be multiplied, the love of the many shall wax cold. Matt. 24:12.

The world is very evil—The times are waxing late,—Be sober, and keep vigil;—The Judge is at the gate.

MONDAY 17.—Isa. 61. Ps. 80.

Then flew one of the seraphim unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar, and he touched my mouth with it. Is. 6:6.

Grace renewed bestow upon me,—With new zeal, my Saviour, crown me,—So that I may serve Thee solely;—Thy atonement make me holy.

And as the Gentiles heard this they were glad, and glorified the word of God: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed. Acts 13:48.

Haste, O haste! and spread the tidings—Wide to earth's remotest strand;—Let no brother's bitter tidings—Rise against us when we stand—In the judgment,—From some far, forgotten land.

TUESDAY 18.—Isa. 62. John 8:12-20.

In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah: We have a strong city; salvation will he appoint for walls and bulwarks. Is. 26:1.

O blest the land, the city blest,—Where Christ the ruler is confest!

And when ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars, be not troubled: these things must needs come to pass; but the end is not yet. Mark 13:7.

With boldness therefore at the throne,—Let us make all our sorrows known,—And ask the aid of heavenly power,—To help us in the evil hour.

WEDNESDAY 19.—Isa. 63:7-19. John 8:21-32.

Commit thy way unto the Lord: Trust also in Him, and He will bring it to pass. Ps. 37:5.

Teach me yet more of Thy blest ways,—Thou slaughtered Lamb of God;—And fix and root me in the grace,—So dearly bought with blood.

That which ye have hold fast till I come. Rev. 2:25.

Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee—In closer, dearer company,—In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,—In trust that triumphs over wrong;—In hope that sends a shining ray—Far down the future's broadening way—In peace that only Thou canst give,—With Thee, O Master, let me live!

THURSDAY 20.—Isa. 64:1-11. John 8:33-45.

Thou art the same. Ps. 102:27.

O God, our Help in ages past,—Our Hope for years to come;—Be Thou our Guide while life shall last,—And our perpetual Home.

And when they had done this, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes; and their nets were breaking. Lu. 5:6.

In mercy, Lord, this grace bestow,—That in Thy service we may do—With gladness and a willing mind,—Whatever is for us assigned.

FRIDAY 21.—Isa. 65:1, 2, 8-16. John 8:46-59.

And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee whithersoever thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of. Gen. 28:15.

If in this darksome wild I stray,—Be Thou my Light, be Thou my Way;—No foes, no evil need I fear,—While Thou, my Lord, my God, art near.

Grant unto us that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies should serve Him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before Him all our days. Lu. 1:74, 75.

In Thy service will I ever,—Jesus, my Redeemer, stay.

SATURDAY 22.—Ps. 85:9-14. John 9:1-12.

Search me, O God, and know my heart: Try me, and know my thoughts; And see if there be any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. Ps. 139:23, 24.

Blesséd Jesus, we implore Thee,—Let us, cleansed and purified,—Walk in grace and truth before Thee,—And in Thee by faith abide;—Sanctifiéd—Both in body and in mind.

I am not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance. Lu. 5:32.

Though they are slighting Him, still He is waiting,—Waiting the penitent child to receive.

48th Week — 23rd Sunday after Trinity.

SUNDAY 23.—Epistle, Phil. 3:17-21. Gospel, Matt. 22:15-22.

My soul shall make her boast in Jehovah:

The meek shall hear thereof, and be glad. Ps. 34:2.

Come, we that love the Lord!—And let our joys be known;—Join in a song with sweet accord,—And thus surround the throne.

He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more; neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more: the first things are passed away. Rev. 21:4.

Lord, Jesus, King of Paradise,—O keep me in Thy love,—And guide me to that happy land—Of perfect rest above;—Where loyal hearts and true—Stand ever in the light,—All rapture through and through,—In God's most holy sight.

MONDAY 24.—Isa. 65:17-25. Ps. 81.

Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thy healing shall spring forth speedily; and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy rearward. Is. 58:8.

Sometimes a light surprises—The Christian while he sings;—It is the Lord, Who rises—With healing in His wings;—When comforts are declining,—He grants the soul again—A season of clear shining,—To cheer it after rain.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; for their works follow with them. Rev. 14:13.

Asleep in Jesus! peaceful rest,—Whose waking is supremely blest;—No fear, no woe, shall dim that hour—That manifests the Saviour's power.

TUESDAY 25.—Isa. 66:1, 2, 10-13, 22-24. John 9 13-25.

If He say thus, I have no delight in thee; behold, here am I, let Him do to me as seemeth good unto Him. 2 Sam. 15:26.

Through sorrow, or through joy,—Conduct me as Thy own,—And help me still to say,—My Lord, Thy will be done!

Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour cometh, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. John 5:25.

Christ is risen from the dead,—"Thou shalt rise too," saith my Saviour;—Of what should I be afraid?—I with Him shall live for ever;—Can the Head forsake His limb,—And not draw me unto Him?

WEDNESDAY 26.—Dan. 1·1-13. John 9:26-41.

Who is like unto the Lord our God, That hath His seat on high, That humbleth Himself to behold the things that are in heaven and in the earth? Ps. 113:5, 6.

Look down on me, for I am weak,—I feel the toilsome journey's length;—Thine aid omnipotent I seek:—Thou art my Strength.

Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Matt. 25:34.

Under sorrows and reproaches—May this thought our courage raise,—Swiftly God's great day approaches;—Sighs will then be changed to praise:—We shall triumph—When the world is in a blaze.

THURSDAY 27.—Dan. 1:14-21. John 10:1-11.

Remember the days of old, Consider the years of many generations: Ask thy father, and he will show thee; Thine elders, and they will tell thee. Deut. 32:7.

Our fathers' God! to Thee,—Author of liberty,—
To Thee we sing:—Long may our land be bright—
With freedom's holy light;—Protect us by Thy might,—Great God, our King!

They are before the throne of God; and they serve Him day and night in His temple: and He that sitteth on the throne shall spread His tabernacle over them. Rev. 7:15.

There is the throne of David;—And there, from care released,—The song of them that triumph,—The shout of them that feast:—And they who, with their Leader,—Have conquered in the fight,—For ever and for ever—Are clad in robes of white.

FRIDAY 28.—Dan. 2:1-13. John 10:12-21.

Behold, I have given him for a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander to the peoples. Is. 56:4.

O Master, point Thou out the way,—Nor suffer Thou our steps to stray;—Then in that path that leads to day—We follow Thee.

He that overcometh shall thus be arrayed in white garments; and I will in no wise blot his name out of the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels. Rev. 3:5.

Then to all who have confessèd,—Loved and served the Lord below,—He will say, "Come near, ye blessèd,—See the kingdom I bestow.—You for ever:—Shall my love and glory know."

SATURDAY 29.—Jer. 31:31-34. John 10:22-42.

For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of Him. 1 Sam. 1:27.

There is no secret sigh we breathe—But meets Thine ear divine.

Worthy is the Lamb that hath been slain to receive the power, and riches, and wisdom, and might, and honor, and glory, and blessing. Rev. 5:12.

Now the song of all the savéd,—"Worthy is the Lamb," resounds:—Now resplendent shine His nail-prints,—Every eye shall see His wounds:—Great His glory;—Every knee to Him shall bow.

49th Week — 1st Sunday in Advent.

SUNDAY 30.—Epistle, Rom. 13:11-14. Gospel, Matt. 21:1-13.

Show me Thy ways, O LORD; Teach me Thy paths. Ps. 25:4.

O Master, let me walk with Thee—In lowly paths of service free;—In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,—In tr st that triumphs over wrong.

The multitudes that went before Him, and that followed, cried saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Matt. 21:9.

My soul puts off her sadness,—Thy glories to proclaim;—With all her strength and gladness,—She fain would serve Thy Name.

DECEMBER.

MONDAY 1.—Dan. 2:14-30. Ps. 84.

There is none like unto Thee, O Lord; Thou art great, and Thy name is great in might. Jerem. 10:6.

God, omnipotent Creator,—Who mad'st all things by Thy might,—Rulest everything in nature,—And commandest day and night,—Who the universe so wide—By Thy power alone dost guide.

The life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare unto you the life, the eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us. 1 John 1:2.

Jesus! I live to Thee,—The loveliest and best;—My life in Thee, Thy life in me,—In Thy blest love I rest.

TUESDAY 2.—Dan. 2:31-49. John 11:1-16.

My tabernacle also shall be with them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Ezek. 37:27.

Of all the crowns Jehovah bears,—Salvation is His dearest claim;—That gracious sound well-pleased He hears,—And owns Immanuel for His Name.

Ye are My friends, if ye do the things which I command you. John 15:14.

In doctrine and in practice one,—We'll love and serve the Lord alone;—With one accord sound forth His praise,—Till we shall see His face.

WEDNESDAY 3.—Dan. 3:1-7, 8, 12. John 11:17-31.

The latter glory of this house shall be greater

than the former, saith the LORD of hosts; and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts. Haggai 2:9.

Great is the Lord our God,—And let His praise be great;—He makes His Churches His abode,—His most delightful seat.

This people honoreth me with their lips: But their heart is far from me. Matt. 15:8.

Deeply conscious of transgression,—To Thee we turn, hear our confession,—Assure us of Thy pardoning love:—O root out what hath impeded—Thy work, or brought in harm unheeded,—And every stumbling-block remove.

THURSDAY 4.—Dan. 3:13, 14—23. John 11: 32-45.

Hear, I beseech Thee, and I will speak; I will demand of Thee, and declare Thou unto me. Job 42:4.

Eternal King! in power and love excelling,—Fain would my heart and mouth Thy praise be telling;—But how can man's weak powers at all come nigh Thee,—How magnify Thee?

Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see. Lu. 10:23.

Jesus, our Lord, how rich Thy grace!—Thy bounties how complete!—How shall we count the matchless sum?—How pay the mighty debt?

FRIDAY 5.—Dan. 4:1-9, 19-28. John 11·46-57.

I will establish My covenant between Me and thee and thy seed after thee throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee and to thy seed after thee. Gen. 17:7.

Abide, our only Safety,—Thy people's sure Defence;—No power can withstand Thee,—Divine Omnipotence.

What man of you, having a hundred sheep, and having lost one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? Lu. 15:4.

Though sin with us doth abound,—Yet grace still more aboundeth;—Sufficient help in Christ is found, —Where sin most deeply woundeth:—He the good Shepherd is indeed,—Who His lost sheep doth seek and lead—With tender love and pity.

SATURDAY 6.—Mal. 3:19-24. John 12:1-19.

With God is wisdom and might; He hath counsel and understanding. Job 12:13.

Renew my will from day to day,—Blend it with Thine, and take away—All that now makes it hard to say—Thy will be done.

Watch therefore: for ye know not when the lord of the house cometh, whether at even, or at midnight, or at cockcrowing, or in the morning; lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. Mark 13:35, 36.

Trust only Christ, thy Captain,—Cease not to watch and pray;—Heed not the treacherous voices, —That lure thy soul astray.

50th Week — 2nd Sunday in Advent.

SUNDAY 7.—Epistle, Rom. 15:4-13. Gospel, Lu. 21:25-36.

David said unto God, I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of the LORD; for His mercies are great; and let me not fall into the hand of man. 2 Sam. 24:14.

Because of Jesus' Cross,—And that unfathomed sea,—The crimson tide which heaves the world,—"Have mercy, Lord, on me!"

For the Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and then shall He render unto every man according to his deeds. Matt. 16:27.

Before Thou shalt as Judge appear,—Plead as my Intercessor,—And on that awful day declare—That I am Thy confessor;—Then bring me to that blesséd place,—Where I shall see with open face—The glory of Thy Kingdom.

MONDAY 8.—Dan. 4:29-37. Ps. 85.

I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, upon the third and upon the fourth generation of them that hate Me, and showing lovingkindness unto thousands of them that love Me and keep My commandments. Ex. 20:5, 6.

Holy, inviolate thy fear;—Enduring as Thy throne.

Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching. Lu. 12:37.

Watch! 't is your Lord's command;—And while we speak, He's near;—Mark the first signal of His hand,—And ready all appear.

TUESDAY 9.—Dan. 5:1-12. John 12:20-36.

The eyes of all wait for Thee; And Thou givest them their food in due season. Thou openest Thy hand, And satisfiest the desire of every living thing. Ps. 145:15, 16.

Day by day the promise reads,—Daily strength for daily needs,—Cast foreboding fears away:—Take the manna of to-day.

All flesh shall see the salvation of God. Lu. 3:6.

Come, Thou universal Blessing,—Thou, the woman's Promised Seed;—Perfect bliss and joy unceasing,—Deign throughout the earth to spread:—By Thy holy incarnation,—Life, and death, our guilt remove;—Visit us with Thy salvation,—Bless us with Thy heavenly love.

WEDNESDAY 10.—Dan. 5:13-30. John 12:37-50.

The remnant of Israel shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid. Zeph. 3:13.

Christians dismiss your fear;—Let hope and joy succeed.

The poor have good tidings preached to them. Matt. 11:5.

He to the poor doth grace afford,—And them with blessings crown.

THURSDAY 11.—Dan. 6:1-15. John 13:1-20.

Thou art My servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified. Is. 49:3.

May He teach us to fulfill—What is pleasing in His sight;—Perfect us in all His will,—And preserve us day and night.

I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. Rev. 21:6.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,—"Behold, I freely give—The living water: thirsty one,—Stoop down and drink, and live."—I came to Jesus, and I drank

—Of that life-giving stream;—My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,—And now I live in Him.

FRIDAY 12.—Dan. 6:16-28. John 13:21-30.

One shall say, I am the LORD's; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe with his hand unto the LORD, and surname himself by the name of Israel. Is. 44:5.

Jehovah Jesus! Name divine;—Rock of salvation, Thou art mine.

Of His fulness have we all received and grace for grace. John 1:16.

O form us all, while we remain—On earth, unto Thy praise;—That each one fully may attain—Thy blessèd aim through grace.

SATURDAY 13.—Micah 4:1-8. John 13:31-38.

As for God, His way is perfect: The word of Jehovah is tried; He is a shield unto all them that take refuge in Him. Ps. 18:31.

I know the power in which I trust,—The arm on which I lean;—He will my Saviour ever be,—Who has my Saviour been.

The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make ye ready the way of the Lord, Make His paths straight. Lu. 3:4.

Be purified each Christian breast—And furnished for so great a guest:—Yea, let us all our hearts prepare—For Christ to come and enter there.

51st Week — 3rd Sunday in Advent.

SUNDAY 14.—Epistle, 1 Cor. 4:1-5. Gospel, Matt. 11:2-10.

Whatsoever thing I command you, that shall

ye observe to do: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it. Deut. 12:32.

From all strange doctrines us preserve:—No other master may we serve—But Christ, Who is our only Saviour;—In Him we will confide for ever.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; For He hath visited and wrought redemption for His people. Lu. 1:68.

His love in time past—Forbids me to think—He'll leave me at last—In trouble to sink;—Each sweet Ebenezer—I have in review—Confirms His good pleasure—To help me quite through.

MONDAY 15.—Nehem. 1. Ps. 86.

And all these kings and their land did Joshua take at one time, because the LORD, the God of Israel, fought for Israel. Josh. 10:42.

Lord, Thou canst help when earthly armor faileth,—Lord, Thou canst save when deadly sin assaileth,—Lord, o'er Thy Rock nor death nor hell prevaileth:—Grant us Thy peace, Lord.

He came unto His own, and they that were His own received Him not. John 1:11.

My Salvation, welcome be!—Thou, my Portion, praise to Thee!—Come and make Thy blest abode—In my heart, O Son of God!

TUESDAY 16.—Nehem. 2:1-11. 2 John 1-13.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. Prov. 9:10.

Through this may I be warned betimes;—Who knows the guile within?—Lord, save me from presumptuous crimes,—Clease me from secret sin.

I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd layeth down his life for the sheep. John 10:11.

One of those sheep, in deserts lost,—Art thou, my sinful soul;—His life it hath the Shepherd cost,—To save and make thee whole;—Now hear His voice with gratitude,—Call on His saving Name;—For thee He shed His precious blood,—And now His own doth claim.

WEDNESDAY 17.—Nehem. 2:16—3:2. 1 Tim. 1:12-20.

They that go down to the sea in ships, That do business in great waters; These see the works of the LORD, And His wonders in the deep. Oh, that men would praise the LORD for His lovingkindness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men! Ps. 107:23, 24, 31.

Eternal Father! strong to save,—Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,—Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep—Its own appointed limits keep:—Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee—For those in peril on the sea!

And He saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Matt. 8:26.

Hail, First and Last, Thou great I Am,—In Whom we live and move;—Increase our little spark of faith,—And fill our hearts with love.

THURSDAY 18.—Nehem. 4:1-14. 1 Tim. 2:1-7.

And Joseph was there in the prison. But the LORD was with Joseph, and showed kindness unto him. Gen. 30:20, 21.

In suffering be Thy love my peace,—In weakness be Thy love my power.

And they shall call His name Immanuel; which is, being interpreted, God with us. Matt. 1:23.

Rejoice! our God has come,—In love and lowliness;—The Son of God has come,—The sons of men to bless;—God with us now descends to dwell,—God in our flesh, Immanuel.

FRIDAY 19.—Nehem. 4:15-23; 5:15, 16. 1 Tim. 3:14—4:10.

Oh send out Thy light and Thy truth; let them lead me: Let them bring me unto Thy holy hill, And to Thy tabernacles. Then will I go unto the altar of God, Unto God my exceeding joy. Ps. 43:3, 4.

Send out Thy light and truth, O God,—With sound of trumpet from above;—Break not the nations with Thy rod,—But draw them as with cords of love.

And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye shall see the heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man. John 1:51.

May this ever blessèd hope—Fill our hearts with gladness,—And 'midst weakness bear us up,—Till from sin and sadness—We shall be wholly free,—And above for ever—Praise our gracious Saviour.

SATURDAY 20.—Deut. 18:15-19. 1 Tim. 6:6-21.

My soul waiteth in silence for God only. Ps. 62:1.

God will never leave thee,—All thy wants He knows,—Feels the pains that grieve thee,—Sees thy cares and woes.—Raise thine eyes to heaven.

The dayspring from on high shall visit us. Lu. 1:78.

Jesus, Sun of righteousness,—Brightest beam of love divine,—With the early morning rays,—Do Thou in our darkness shine,—And dispel with purest light—All our night.

52nd Week — 4th Sunday in Advent.

SUNDAY 21.—Epistle, Phil. 4:4-7. Gospel, John 1:19-28.

He shall see the travail of His soul and be satisfied. Is. 53:11.

In these our days exalt Thy grace,—Thy precious gospel spread;—That for the travail of Thy soul—Thou mayst behold Thy seed.

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe in the gospel. Mark 1:15.

He is here, Whom seers in old time—Chanted of, while ages ran;—Whom the writings of the prophets—Promised since the world began.

MONDAY 22.—Nehem. 8:1-3, 9-12. Ps. 89:1-19.

Thou art my servant, I have chosen thee and not cast thee away. Is. 41:9.

Make my calling and election,—Jesus, every day more sure.

To shine upon them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death; To guide our feet into the way of peace. Lu. 1:79.

Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,—Our Balm in sorrow, and our Stay in strife;—Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflicts cease,—Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

TUESDAY 23.—Nehem. 13:15-22. 2 Tim. 1:1-12.

I will surely save thee, and thou shalt not fall by the sword, but thy life shall be for a prey unto thee; because thou hast put thy trust in Me, saith the LORD. Jerem. 39:18.

A safe Stronghold our God is still,—A trusty

Shield and Weapon;—He'll help us clear from all the ill—That hath us now o'ertaken.

Jesus spake unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life. John 8:12.

Light of the world, abide—Through faith within my heart;—Leave me to seek no other guide,—Nor e'er from Thee depart.

Christmas Eve.

WEDNESDAY 24.—Epistle, Titus 2:11-14. Gospel, Lu. 2:1-14.

O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together. Ps. 34:4.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come;—Let earth receive her King;—Let every heart prepare Him room,—And heaven and nature sing.

There is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, Who is Christ the Lord. Lu. 2:11.

Christ has come for our salvation:—Hallowed be our celebration—Of the day when He was born!—He for us hath left His heaven,—And to dwell with man is given,—Israel's Hope, the Gentile's Morn.

Christmas Day.

THURSDAY 25.—Epistle, Heb. 1:1-12. Gospel, John 1:1-18.

The great, the mighty God, the LORD of hosts is His name; great in counsel, and mighty in work; Whose eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men, to give every one

according to the fruit of his doings. Jerem. 32:18, 19.

To Thee, then, O Jesus, this day of Thy birth,—Be glory and honor through heaven and earth;—True Godhead Incarnate, Omnipotent Word!—Oh, come let us hasten to worship the Lord!

Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men in whom He is well pleased. Lu. 2:14.

For, lo! the days are hastening on,—By prophet bards foretold,—When with the evercircling years—Comes round the age of gold,—When peace shall over all the earth—Its ancient splendors fling,—And the whole world send back the song—Which now the angels sing.

FRIDAY 26.—Luke 2:15-20. Titus 3:4-7.

I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair; I hid not my face from shame and spitting. Is. 50:6.

Jesus, Source of my salvation,—Conqueror both of death and hell,—Thou Who didst, as my Oblation, —Feel what I deserved to feel,—Through Thy sufferings, death, and merit,—I eternal life inherit;—Thousand, thousand thanks to Thee,—Dearest Lord, for ever be.

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us. John 1:14.

O Word of God Incarnate,—O Wisdom from on high,—O Truth unchanged, unchanging,—O Light of our dark sky!

SATURDAY 27.—Isa. 63:7-16. 2 Tim. 2:1-13.

He revealeth the deep and secret things; He

knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with Him. Dan. 2:22.

Light immortal, Light Divine,—Visit Thou these hearts of Thine,—And our inmost being fill.

And we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father full of grace and truth. John 1:14.

How beauteous were the marks divine,—That in Thy meekness used to shine,—That lit Thy wondrous pathway, trod—In wondrous love, O Son of God!

53rd week — Sunday after Christmas.

SUNDAY 28.—Epistle, Gal. 4:1-7. Gospel, Lu. 2:33-40.

I will surely have mercy upon him, saith the Lord. Jerem. 31:20.

Remember me, but not my shame or sin;—Thy cleansing blood hath washed them all away:—Thy precious death for me did pardon win;—Thy blood redeemed me in that awful day.

I come quickly: hold fast that which thou hast, that no one take thy crown. Rev. 3:11.

Ne'er think the victory won,—Nor lay thine armor down;—The work of faith will not be done,—Till thou obtain the crown.

MONDAY 29.—Ps. 90. 2 Tim. 2:15-26.

I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day. Zech. 3:9.

Our works could ne'er our guilt remove,—The strictest life must fail us,—That none may boast himself of aught,—But own in fear Thy grace hath wrought—What in him seemeth righteous.

Simeon was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel. Lu. 2:25.

Still we wait for Thine appearing;—Come and manifest Thy favor,—To the ransomed, helpless race!

TUESDAY 30.—Ps. 91. 2 Tim. 3:1-5, 14-17.

All flesh shall know that I, the LORD, am thy Saviour, and thy Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob. Is. 49:26.

Praise the Lord, God our Salvation,—Praise Him Who retrieved our loss;—Sing with awe, and love's sensation,—"Hallelujah! God with us!"

When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then shall He sit on the throne of His glory: and before Him shall be gathered all the nations. Matt. 25:31, 32.

See the Judge, our nature wearing,—Clothed in majesty divine;—Ye who love the Lord's appearing, —Then shall say, "This God is mine:"—Gracious Saviour,—Own me on that day as Thine.

WEDNESDAY 31.—Ps. 92. 2 Tim. 4:1-8.

Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name. Ps. 103:1.

Praises, thanks and adoration,—Be given to God without cessation,—To Jesus Christ, our gracious Lord:—For His mercy, love and favor,—To us, His flock, endure for ever;—Bless, bless His Name with one accord.

Lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world. Matt. 28:20.

Jesus, with Thy Church abide,—Be her Saviour, Lord and Guide,—While on earth her faith is tried. —Keep her life and doctrine pure,—Help her, patient to endure,—Trusting in Thy promise sure.

HISTORICAL NOTES.

JANUARY.

1, 1742.—Opening of the first "Pennsylvania Synod."
1, 1815.—Sharon, Ohio, congregation organized.
Church consecrated, Dec. 24, 1817.
1, 1856.—First issue of THE MORAVIAN.
1, 1858.—Congregation at Chaska, Minn., organized.
Church consecrated, July 22, 1860.
2, 1744.—Chapel in the Whitefield House, Nazareth, consecrated.
3, 1854.—John A. Bucklev (first colored Moravian minister), Antigua, ordained.
5, 1749.—Founding of the school for girls, now the "Seminary for Young Ladies," at Bethlehem, Pa.
6, 1760.—Baptism of the first converts at Lichtenfels, in Greenland, by Matthew Stach.
6, 1771.—Baptism of the first Bushnegro in Surinam.
6, 1774.—Baptism of the first converts in Tranquebar.
6, 1781.—First Calmuck—a blind girl—at Sarepta, Russia, baptized.
12, 1743.—First Moravian Congregation in Philadelphia, organized.
Churches consecrated, Nov. 25, 1742; Dec. 12, 1819; Jan. 26, 1856; Oct. 8, 1893.
19, 1733.—Departure of the first missionaries to Greenland.
19, 1887.—Organization of the congregation at Hector, Minn.
20, 1889.—German Congregation at Grand Rapids, organized.
Church consecrated, Jan. 21, 1906.
25, 1761.—Sharon, in Surinam, attacked and burned by the Bush negroes.
28, 1741.—The first undenominational Christian Association organized in New York City, by Peter Böhler.
30, 1864.—Congregation at Sturgeon Bay., Wisc., organized.

FEBRUARY.

2, 1891.—Congregation at Bethel, N. Dak., organized.

7, 1883.—Congregation at Elim, Minn., organized.

8, 1849.—First meeting of the Home Mission Society at Bethlehem, Pa.

9, 1749.—Organization of the Warwick (now Lititz) congregation by Spangenberg. Sesqui-centennial celebrated Sept. 10-11, 1899.
St. James' Church consecrated, July 28, 1744.
Church at Lititz consecrated, July 13, 1787; Renovated, Dec. 20, 1857.

12, 1765.—First house amongst the Bush negroes, Surinam, occupied.

13, 1870.—The congregation at Unionville, Mich., organized.

14, 1765.—The site of Salem, N. C., selected.

14, 1770.—Original "society," out of which arose the congregation at Friedberg, N. C., organized.

16, 1736.—David Nitschmann, the first Moravian Bishop in America, arrived with a colony at Savannah, Ga.

18, 1775.—First place of worship at Friedland, N. C., consecrated.

19, 1776.—Consecration of the chapel, and baptism of the first convert, in Labrador, at Nain.

19, 1871.—Consecration of the Chapel of the German Home Mission in New York, in the building No. 636 Sixth Street.

20, 1749.—Congregation at Lancaster, Pa., organized.
Churches consecrated, Nov. 10, 1746; July 8, 1821.

22, 1742.—The first three Mohegan Indians from Shekomeko, N. Y., baptized at Oley, Pa., by Christian H. Rauch.

23, 1873.—The fourth new congregation of the Brethren's Church organized at Tschenkowitz, Bohemia.

24, 1734.—Departure of the first Missionaries to Lapland—Grassman, Schneider, and John Nitschmann.

27, 1788.—The Society for Propagating the Gospel, incorporated.

MARCH.

1, 1457.—Beginning of the Ancient Brethren's Church.
4, 1914.—Congregation at Daggett, Mich., organized.
Church occupied, Dec. 24, 1916.
5, 1882.—Congregation at Port Washington, O., organized.
Church consecrated, Oct. 21, 1883.
8, 1782.—Ninety-six Christian Indians murdered at Gnadenhütten, on the Tuscarawas, Ohio, by white rangers.
10, 1737.—Departure of the first Missionaries to Guinea.
11, 1737.—George Schmidt, the first Missionary to South Africa, set sail.
11, 1853.—Congregation in Brooklyn, N. Y., organized.
Church consecrated, Sept. 10, 1854.
13, 1735.—David Nitschmann, the first Bishop of the Renewed Brethren's Church, consecrated at Berlin, by Bishop Jablonsky.
19, 1759.—Anniversary of the church at Bethania, N. C.
19, 1912.—Trinity (Second) Church, Utica., N. Y., organized.
Church occupied, June 10, 1914.
22, 1735.—The first Moravian colony to America arrived at Savannah, Ga.
25, 1752.—The congregation at York, Pa., organized.
Church consecrated, Oct. 25, 1868.
25, 1757.—Sharon, first Mission-station in Surinam, dedicated.
26, 1739.—Kajarnak, the first convert in Greenland, baptized.

APRIL.

1, 1740.—The first Hottentot baptized by George Schmidt.
1, 1888.—Organization of the congregation at Easton, Pa.
Church consecrated, Sept. 29, 1895.
10, 1866.—Congregation at Elizabeth, N. J., organized.
Church consecrated, Nov. 21, 1869.
Transferred to Ried and Lafayette Sts., Jan. 4, 1914.
13, 1885.—Organization of the congregation at Windsor, Wis.

14, 1570.—Adoption of the Consensus of Sendomir, hy the Brethren's Church, Reformed and Lutherans.
15, 1729.—David Nitschmann, the martyr, died in prison at Olmütz, in Moravia.
19, 1846.—Consecration of the church at Enon, Indiana.
25, 1858.—Congregation at North Salem, Wis., organized.
27, 1775.—Bishop Peter Böhler died in London.
27, 1912.—Moravian School Teachers' Pension Fund organized.

MAY.

3, 1884.—The Brethren Hartman and Weinland sailed from San Francisco on the U. S. Revenue Cutter Corwin, for Alaska, to select a site for a Mission.
First Missionary Party arrived at Bethel on the Kuskokwim, July 13, 1885.
Mission Building, Bethel, occupied, Oct. 10, 1885.
4, 1730.—Anna Nitschmann's Covenant with seventeen single sisters.
4, 1742.—The first Moravian school for girls in America opened at Germantown, Pa.
6, 1799.—The first settlers from Old Gnadenhütten, Pa., arrived at Gnadenhütten, Ohio.
7, 1740.—Peter Böhler and Henry Antes arrived at the Whitefield tract, near Nazareth.
9, 1897.—Church at Brüderheim, Alherta, consecrated.
10, 1752.—Departure of Hocker from London on a mission to Egypt and Ahyssinia.
11, 1891.—Congregation at Casselton, N. D., organized.
12, 1727.—First Brotherly Agreement adopted at Herrnhut.
12, 1749.—Passage of the Act of Parliament in which the Unitas Fratrum is acknowledged as an "ancient Protestant Episcopal Church."
12, 1740.—The "Third Sea Congregation," of 120 persons, led by Bishop John Nitschmann, arrived at New York on the ship Irene.
12, 1844.—Church at Canal Dover, Ohio, consecrated.
17, 1863.—Consecration of the church at Palmyra, N. J.
Second Church huilding consecrated, May 29, 1904.

17, 1902.—The congregation at Calgary, Alberta, organized.
20, 1909.—The Executive Board of the Canadian District incorporated by act of the Parliament of Canada under the title of "The Board of Elders of the Canadian District of the Moravian Church in America."
24, 1822.—St. Philip's (Colored) Congregation, Winston-Salem, N. C., organized.
Church consecrated, Dec. 28, 1823.
24, 1914.—Congregation at Tagus, N. D., organized.
24, 1856.—Church at Macedonia, N. C., consecrated.
24, 1878.—Organization of the congregation at Goshen, N. D.
26, 1844.—First congregation at West Salem, Ill., organized.
26, 1700.—Nicholas Lewis Zinzendorf born in Dresden.
Consecrated Bishop by Bishops Jablonsky and Nitschmann, May 20, 1737.
Died at Herrnhut, May 9, 1760.
30, 1416.—Jerome of Prague suffers martyrdom.
30, 1740.—Arrival of the first company of brethren and sisters, under the leadership of Peter Böhler and Anthony Seiffert, at the Whitefield tract, Nazareth, Pa.
30, 1867.—The first leper hospital at Jerusalem consecrated.
31, 1846.—First church at West Salem, Ill., consecrated.

JUNE.

2, 1895.—First Moravian congregation, emigrants from Volhynia, Russia, organized in Bruederheim, Alberta, Canada.
2, 1895.—Congregation at Rudolph, Wisc., organized.
Church occupied, Aug. 4, 1914.
3, 1869.—The Messenger of Peace launched.
7, 1742.—"First Sea Congregation" landed, Philadelphia.
7, 1889.—Work among the Indians of Southern California begun.
Church at Potrero, Cal., consecrated, April 20, 1890.
9, 1772.—David Zeisberger occupied the first house at Schoenbrunn, on the Tuscarawas River, Ohio.

10, 1866.—Congregation at Grace Hill, Iowa, organized. Church consecrated, Apr. 19, 1868.

11, 1857.—Congregation at Fry's Valley, O., organized and church consecrated.

12, 1722.—The first exiles from Moravia arrive at Berthelsdorf.

12, 1905.—Strathcona, Alherta, organized.

14, 1896.—Church at Great Kills, S. I., consecrated.

16, 1798.—Heckewelder, Edwards and five Indians from Foirfield, Canada, arrived at Gnadenhütten, Ohio, to renew the settlement.

17, 1722.—Beginning of the building of Herrnhut hy the first emigrants from Moravia.

17, 1830.—Organization of the congregation at Hope, Ind., and the first church consecrated.

17, 1853.—Organization of the congregation at Ehenezer, Wis.

21, 1621.—Twenty-seven prominent patriots, among them many memhers of the Brethren's Church, executed at Prague.

21, 1885.—Consecration of the church at Coopershurg, Pa.

22, 1859.—Congregation at Mamre, Wis., organized.

23, 1742.—Consecration of the first place of worship at Bethlehem, Pa., hy Count Zinzendorf.

25, 1530.—Presentation of the Confession of Augshurg.

25, 1742.—Organization of the congregation at Bethlehem, Pa.

The second place of worship in Bethlehem, the present "Old Chapel," consecrated, July 10. Large Church consecrated, May 6, 1806.

25, 1747.—Congregation at Nazareth, Pa., organized. Church consecrated, March 9, 1862.

25, 1916.—Congregation at Havelock, N. Dak., organized. Church occupied, Oct. 22, 1916.

27, 1895.—Congregation at Bruederfeld, Alherta, organized.

28, 1874.—Anniversary Festival of the congregation at Mamre, Wis.

28, 1898.—Rev. Ernst L. Weber, missionary to Alaska, with wife and child, were lost in a storm in Kuskokwim Bay.

JULY.

2, 1760.—The first fourteen Brethren arrived in Tranquebar.
6, 1369.—John Hus born.
6, 1415.—John Hus burned at the stake, at Constance.
6, 1763.—Congregation at New Dorp, N. Y., organized.
Churches consecrated, Dec. 7, 1763; May 15, 1845.
6, 1768.—Arrival of five brethren in Guinea—the second attempt to found a Mission.
6, 1800.—Congregation at Gnadenhütten, Ohio, organized.
Church consecrated, July 10, 1803.
12, 1891.—Congregation at Bethesda, Minn., organized.
Church consecrated, Sept. 19, 1911.
12, 1908.—Beth-Tphillah Congregation, N. Y. City, organized.
Removed to 124-126 W. 136th St., March 29, 1914.
12, 1908.—Fairview Congregation, Winston-Salem, N. C., organized and church consecrated.
14, 1912.—Congregation of Trinity Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., organized.
Church consecrated, April 5, 1914.
17, 1878.—Congregation of Fifth Church, Phila., Pa., organized.
Church occupied, March 20, 1904.
20, 1849.—The German colony arrived at West Salem, Ill.
21, 1771.—Original "Society" out of which arose the congregation at Friedland, N. C., organized.
21, 1776.—The first baptism in Paramaribo.
22, 1859.—Congregation at Mamre, Wisc., organized.
22, 1900.—Congregation at Tabor, N. Dak., organized.
Church consecrated, Aug. 19, 1900.
23, 1882.—Consecration of the church at Elim, Minn.
26, 1896.—Congregation at Heimthal, Alberta, organized.
Church consecrated, July 22, 1901.
30, 1747.—Congregation at Emmaus, Pa., organized.
31, 1752.—Arrival of the first Missionaries in Labrador.

AUGUST.

1, 1850.—Scandinavian colony removed from Milwaukee to Fort Howard (West Green Bay), Wis.
Church consecrated, Feb. 14, 1869.

1, 1909.—Pleasant Point, Saskatchewan, Canada, organized; the first Moravian congregation in the Province of Saskatchewan.

9, 1908.—Congregation at Alice, Cass Co., N. D., organized.
Church consecrated, May 16, 1909.

10, 1885.—Brother Hans Torgersen drowned in the Kuskokwim River in Alaska.

12, 1860.—Baptism of the first convert in Autsralia.

13, 1727.—Special visitation of grace in the congregation at Herrnhut, at the Holy Communion in the church at Berthelsdorf.

13, 1837.—Congregation at Hopedale, Pa., organized.
Church consecrated, July 10, 1859.

13, 1854.—Congregation at Utica, N. Y., organized.
Church consecrated, Aug. 14, 1856.

13, 1859.—West Salem English church consecrated.

13, 1900.—Congregation at Clemmons, N. C., organized.

14, 1864.—Consecration of the church at Watertown, Wis.

16, 1740.—First sermon to the Indians at Shekomeko, N. Y., by Christian Henry Rauch.

17, 1727.—Great revival amongst the children at Herrnhut.

18, 1872.—Consecration of the church at Unionville, Mich.

19, 1745.—The first missionary society in America, "The Society for the Furtherance of the Gospel," formed by the Brethren at Bethlehem. It was resuscitated, 1787, as "The Society for Propagating the Gospel."

19, 1900.—Consecration of the church at Tabor, N. Dakota.

21, 1732.—First Moravian Missionaries to the heathen left Herrnhut for St. Thomas.

26, 1780.—Congregation at Hope, N. C., organized.
Churches consecrated Mar. 28, 1780, and Aug. 29, 1896.

27, 1727.—Beginning of the Hourly Intercession.

28, 1859.—Congregation at Egg Harbor, N. J., organized.
Church consecrated, Dec. 22, 1860.

31, 1873.—Church at Castleton Corners, Staten Island, N. Y., consecrated.

SEPTEMBER.

3, 1780.—The congregation at Friedberg, N. C., regularly organized.
Churches consecrated, Mar. 7, 1769; May 12, 1788; July 3, 1827.
Advent Chapel consecrated, Sept. 12, 1897.
Enterprise Chapel consecrated, April 11, 1898.

5, 1869.—Congregation at Northfield, Minn., organized.
Church consecrated, Nov. 16, 1873.

7, 1794.—Girls' School at Lititz (Linden Hall) founded.

9, 1753.—A colony of twenty-four Single Brethren arrived at New York on the ship Irene.

10, 1738.—The first Missionaries arrive in Berbice, Surinam.

10, 1796.—Circular issued by the Sociay for Propagating the Gospel, inivting settlers to the Ohio lands granted by Congress, June 1.

10, 1854.—First Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., consecrated.

11, 1854.—Congregation at Watertown, Wis., organized.
Church consecrated, Nov. 20, 1904.

11, 1910.—Congregation at Watrous, Saskatchewan, Canada, organized.

12, 1905.—Congregation at Altura Minn., organized.
Church consecrated, Sept. 17, 1908.

16, 1741.—Particular Memorial Day for the Ministers of the Brethren's Church.

18, 1792.—Bishop Spangenberg died at Berthelsdorf.

21, 1787.—Meeting to organize the Society for Propagating the Gospel, at Bethlehem.

22, 1734.—George Bönisch, the first Moravian evangelist in America, landed at Philadelphia.

25, 1887.—Congregation at Oak Grove, N. C., organized.
Church consecrated, May 14, 1888.

26, 1868.—Original church at Harrowgate, Pa., consecrated.
Present building, Oct. 8, 1871.

26, 1897.—Scandinavian Congregation at Grand Rapids, Wis., organized.

26, 1909.—Congregation at Dundurn, Saskatchewan, Canada, organized.

28, 1759.—First fourteen Brethren start for Tranquebar.

OCTOBER.

1, 1868.—Congregation at Hehron, Minn., organized.
Churches consecrated, Nov. 6, 1870; Oct. 8, 1893.

2, 1785.—Re-organization of the Young Ladies' Seminary, Bethlehem, Pa.

2, 1807.—Commencement of the Theological Seminary at Nazareth, with three students.
Consecration and opening of the Moravian College and Theological Seminary, on Church Street, Bethlehem, Pa., Aug. 30, 1858.
Consecration of "Comenius Hall," the main building of the new College and Theological Seminary, Main Street, Bethlehem, Pa., Sept. 27, 1892.

2, 1904.—Congregation of New Sarepta, Alberta, organized.

3, 1762.—Congregation at Schoeneck, Pa., organized.
Churches consecrated, Oct. 3, 1762; Oct. 20, 1793; Oct. 6, 1889.

3, 1896.—Congregation at Moravia, N. C., organized.

4, 1874.—Congregation at Girar, Wis., organized.

5, 1908.—Congregation at Greensboro, N. C., organized.

6, 1889.—Congregation at London, Wis., organized.
Church consecrated, Nov. 18, 1894.

8, 1758.—Congregation at Graceham, Md., organized.

8, 1772.—David Nitschmann, first Bishop of the Renewed Brethren's Church, died at Bethlehem.

8, 1865.—Baptism of the fisrt converts in Tihet.

9, 1900.—The school at Clemmons, N. C., opened.

10, 1885.—First missionary party occupy Mission House at Bethel, Alaska.
The first eight converts from among the Esquimaux of Alaska baptized at Bethel, Sept. 10, 1888.

12, 1851.—German congregation, Green Bay, Wis., organized.

13, 1881.—Congregation at Shiloh, Wis., organized.

13, 1901.—Third Moravian Church, New York City, organized.

16, 1870.—The church at Pottenstein, Bohemia, organized.

18, 1871.—Ephrata Missionary Home, Nazareth, Pa., opened.

18, 1889.—Congregation at Stapleton, S. I., N. Y., organized. Church occupied, Nov. 24, 1889.

22, 1806.—Church at Bethania, N. C., consecrated.
22, 1893.—The Helen Stadiger Borhek Memorial Chapel of the Moravian Theological Seminary consecrated.
23, 1881.—Congregation at Canaan, N. D., organized.
23, 1883.—Organization of the church at Coopersburg, Pa.
24, 1874.—Organization of the church at Uhrichsville, Ohio.
25, 1903.—Congregation at Aurelia, N. Dak., organized.
28, 1893.—Church at Fulp, N. C., consecrated.
31, 1858.—Consecration at Laketown, Minn., organized.
Churches consecrated, Nov. 18, 1857; Sept. 15, 1872; Nov. 17, 1878.

NOVEMBER.

1, 1787.—First general meeting of the Society for Propagating the Gospel, at Bethlehem.
1, 1848.—Congregation at New Philadelphia, N. C., organized.
Church consecrated, Sept. 1, 1858.
3, 1889.—Church at Hector, Minn., consecatred.
6, 1893.—Congregation at Wachovia Arbor, N. C., organized.
Church consecrated, Nov. 26, 1896.
12, 1909.—Congergation at Kellner, Wis., organized.
Church consecrated, May 29, 1910.
13, 1741.—Formal promulgation in the Unitas Fratrum of the doctrine of the Immediate Headship of the Lord Jesus Christ in His Church on earth.
13, 1756.—Consecration of the chapel in Nazareth Hall, Pa.
13, 1771.—Church at Salem, N. C., consecrated; also Nov. 8, 1800.
13, 1913.—Congregation at Strehlow, N. Dak., organized.
15, 1670.—Bishop John Amos Comenius died at Amsterdam.
17, 1753.—The first colony of Brethren from Bethlehem arrived at the spot where Bethabara was founded, on the Wachovia Tract in North Carolina.
17, 1808.—David Zeisberger, the Moravian Apostle to the Indians, dies at Goshen, Ohio, after a service of sixty-three years.

17, 1850.—Scandinavian congregation, first called Ephraim, founded at Fort Howard (West Green Bay), Wis. Church occupied, Dec. 1, 1850.

24, 1755.—Burning of the Mission-house at Gnadenhütten, Pa., by the Indians. The Mission-family, consisting of fifteen persons, with the exception of three who escaped and one who was carried into captivity, were either butchered, or burned to death.

25, 1747.—Arrival of the Missionaries Hocker and Rueffer at Ispahan, in Persia.

25, 1852.—Congergation at Mt. Bethel, Va., organized.

26, 1743.—"Second Sea Congregation" landed at New York.

26, 1788.—Church at Bethabara, N. C., consecrated.

26, 1902.—Congregation at Bethany, Minn., organized. Church occupied. March 14, 1915.

29, 1896.—Congregation at Mayodan, N. C., organized.

30, 1741.—Count Zinzendorf landed in America.

DECEMBER.

4, 1904.—Chapel at Rincon, California Indian Mission, consecrated.

6, 1736.—First Synod of the Renewed Brethren's Church held at Marienborn.

6, 1874.—Consecration of the church at Mechanicstown, Md.

11, 1528.—Bishop Luke of Prague died at Jungbunzlau, Bohemia.

13, 1732.—Dober and Nitschmann, the first missionaries, arrive at St. Thomas, W. I.

13, 1896.—Chapel at Martinez, California Indian Mission, consecrated.
Work begun, Autumn of 1896. Church consecarted, April 21, 1912.

19, 1747.—Congregation, Hebron, now Lebanon, Pa., founded.

21, 1856.—Congregation at Lake Mills, Wisconsin, organized. Third church consecrated, Dec. 20, 1891.

22, 1735.—Arrival of the first missionaries in Surinam.

22, 1866.—Congregation at Freedom Wis., organized. Church consecrated, Oct. 6, 1867.

24, 1741.—First celebration of Christmas Eve, Bethlehem, Pa.
25, 1862.—Congregation at South Bethlehem, Pa., organized. Church consecrated, Nov. 20, 1864.
27, 1748.—The Society in New York City organized into a regular Moravian Church, by Bishop John de Watteville.
Churches consecrated, June 18, 1783; Nov. 22, 1829; April 18, 1869.
27, 1808.—Congregation at Princeton, Minn., organized.
31, 1865.—Congregation at Riverside, N. J., organized.
Church consecrated, Oct. 17, 1869.
New church building occupied, March 12, 1912.

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The Annual Collections ordered by the Provincial Synod are the following.

1. *For the Provincial Administration:*—To be paid to the

Provincial Treasurer in two installments by June 30th and by December 31st of each year.

2. *For Retired Ministers:*—The last Sunday in January.
3. *For the Bohemian Mission:*—The first Sunday in March.
4. *For Foreign Missions:*—Easter Sunday, or Whit-Sunday.
5. *For the Alaska Mission:*—The second Sunday in June.
6. *For Home Missions:*—The Sunday nearest the 16th of September.
7. *For the Theological Seminary:*—The last Sunday in November.

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II. Contributions to enterprises in charge of the District Boards must be sent to their respective Treasurers. *Vide* pp. ad

LOCATION OF CITY CHURCHES.

Bethlehem, Pa.—Central Church, Cor. of Main and Church Streets;
West Side Church, Third Ave. and Prospect Ave.;
College Hill Church, Laurel St., near Main St.;
Edgeboro, Hamilton Ave.;
First Church, South Side, Packer Ave. and Elm Street.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Jay Street, near Myrtle Avenue.
Calgary, Alberta, Can.—Center Ave. and Seventh St., East.
Easton, Pa.—Bushkill and 10th Streets.
Elizabeth, N. J.—Corner Reid and Lafayette Streets.
Green Bay, Wis.—East Side Church, 512 Moravian Street.
" " " West Side Church, Corner Fourth Street and Maple Ave.

Indianapolis, Ind.—College Avenue and 25th Street.
Lancaster, Pa.—West Orange Street, below Queen.
Lebanon, Pa.—N. 10th Street, near Cumberland.

New York 1*st.*—Lexington Avenue and 30th Street.
" " 2*d.*—Corner Wilkins Ave. and Jennings Street, Bronx.
" " 3*d.*—224 West 63d Street.
" " 4*th.*—124-126 W. 136th St., Harlem.
Philadelphia 1*st.*—Fairmount Avenue, below 17th Street.
" 3*d.*—Kensington Avenue, below Venango St.
" 5*th.*—Germantown Ave., above Dauphin St.
Utica, N. Y., 1*st.*—Cooper and Cornelia Streets.
Utica, N. Y., 2*d.* (*Trinity*)—South and Leeds Streets.
Watertown, Wis.—Cole and Sixth Streets.
York, Pa., 1*st.*—North Duke Street.
York, Pa., 2*d.* (*Bethany*)—East King St., opp. Pattison St.

Statistics of the Unitas Fratrum, or the Moravan Church, in North America and in the Missions, January 1, 1918.

American Province, North	97	16,709	23,681
American Province, South	28	4,982	7,242
Total.....	125	21,691	30,923
**The Bohemian Mission.	6	852	1,288
**The Foreign Missions..	350	35,705	109,079

* The entire work is grouped about six parishes, recognized by the State.

** The statistics not having been received, the figures given are those of January 1, 1916.

Foreign Missions.—Mission Provinces, 14; Stations, 155; substations, 194; preaching places, 1480; Missionaries, (male and female), 359; ordained Native Ministers and their wives, 84; unordained Native Assistants, 26; Native Evangelists, 458; Native Helpers (male and female), 1,589. Total of converts. 108.379. distributed as follows:

Labrador	1,261	St. Domingo	1,683
Alaska	1,645	Nicaragua	6,584
California Indians ...	177	Demerara	1,622
Jamaica	13,735	Surinam	27,932
St. Thomas & St. John	2,351	South Africa, W.Prov.	13,934
St. Croix	2,314	South Africa, E. Prov.	11,238
Antigua	7,281	East Central Africa..	4,762
St. Kitts	3,713	Australia	150
Barbadoes	2,919	West Himalaya	162
Tobago	4,603		
Trinidad	1,013	Total.....	109,079

Bohemian Mission.—Six parishes, comprising 13 congregations, 18 preaching-places, and 4 orphanages. Total membership, 1,288. Missionaries, 10, Orphans, 73.

Home for Lepers.—Jerusalem, Palestine. Four deaconesses, and 36 patients on January 1, 1915.

Superintendent: Sister E. Mueller.

STATISTICS OF THE MORAVIAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA.

JANUARY 1, 1918.

THE NORTHERN PROVINCE.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

CONGREGATIONS.	Communicants.	Non-Communicants.	Children.	Total.	PASTORS.
PENNSYLVANIA:					
Bethlehem	1832	89	348	2269	S. H. Gapp, Ph.D., D M. E. Kemper. D. C. Meinert.
Canadensis	85	3	36	124	J. C. Moore.
Coopersburg	66	7	18	91	G. F. Bahnson.
Easton	205	9	55	269	Vacant.
Emmaus	299	25	136	460	C. R. Meinert.
Hopedale	262	33	73	368	G. M. Shultz.
Lancaster	271	24	50	345	H. A. Gerdsen.
Lebanon	96	12	23	131	S. C. Albright.
Lititz	774	73	132	979	E. S. Crosland.
Nazareth	655	20	145	820	Paul S. Meinert.
Philadelphia, I	304	5	76	385	John S. Romig.
Philadelphia, III	277	49	78	404	F. Elwood Raub.
Philadelphia, V	309	8	120	437	O. E. Moore.
Reading	49	3	19	71	I. E. Deer.
Schoeneck	236	14	66	316	R. Henkelmann.
South Bethlehem	260	14	107	381	H. E. Stocker.
York, I	215	12	67	294	C. A. Weber.
York, II (Bethany)	181	28	116	325	Vacant.
NEW YORK:					
Brooklyn	133	3	28	164	F. E. Grunert.
New Dorp Castleton Corners Great Kills	627	114	239	980	E. S. Hagen. F. R. Nitzschke. Paul M. Greider.
New York City, I	141	3	17	161	M. W. Leibert.
New York City, II	125	9	70	204	E. S. Wolle.
New York City, III	232	12	223	467	Frederick T. Traffor
New York City, IV	156	102	69	327	Charles Martin.
Stapleton	77	2	30	109	Paul T. Schultz.
Utica, I	212	6	67	285	Charles Sperling.
Utica, II (Trinity)	232	6	66	304	W. E. Besiegel.

CONGREGATIONS.	Communicants.	Non-Communicants.	Children.	Total.	PASTORS.
NEW JERSEY:					
Egg Harbor City	111	7	43	161	F. W. Wantzel.
Elizabeth	127	19	44	190	A. E. Francke.
Palmyra	140	10	50	200	Reinhold Riemer.
Riverside	120	15	17	152	W. H. Oerter.
MARYLAND:					
Graceham	103	7	82	192	W. Strohmeier.
Thurmont	15	.....	4	19	
OHIO:					
Dover	210	15	90	315	R. H. Brennecke.
Fry's Valley	132	14	37	183	Albert Harke.
Gnadenhuetten	365	10	90	465	J. E. Weinland.
Port Washington	83	6	13	102	V. G. Flinn.
Sharon	265	31	44	340	M. F. Oerter.
Uhrichsville	169	15	65	249	C. E. Hermstaedt.
INDIANA:					
Hope	284	.....	38	322	W. H. Fluck.
Enon	18	.....	3	21	
Indianapolis	66	8	16	90	C. O. Weber.
Total	10519	842	3110	14471	
Net Increase+	+298			+268	

WESTERN DISTRICT.

CONGREGATIONS.	Communicants.	Non-Communicants.	Children.	Total.	PASTORS.
WISCONSIN:					
Ebenezer	163	7	77	247	D. C. Helmich.
Piperville	26	3	10	39	
Ephraim	109	.....	46	155	Mark J. Andrews.
Sister Bay	59	.....	19	78	
Freedom	152	4	75	231	R. J. Grabow.
Grand Rapids, German	241	8	100	349	C. A. Meilicke.
Kellner	73	4	25	102	
Veedum	49	.....	34	83	Henry A. Kuehl.
Grand Rapids, Scand.	110	3	34	147	Theodore Reinke.
Rudolph	42	5	19	66	
Green Bay, East	169	10	45	224	O. E. Heise.
Green Bay, West	318	17	127	462	Henry Richter.
Lake Mills	670	19	229	918	O. E. Reidenbach.
London	149	3	69	221	John Schoechert.
Mamre	116	3	34	153	J. H. Goerner.
Gerah	22	1	9	32	
Sturgeon Bay	283	7	101	391	Edw. F. Helmich
Shiloh	64	7	50	121	
Watertown	261	4	56	321	A. E. Schwarze.
Windsor	78	2	21	101	A. R. Schultz.

CONGREGATIONS.	Communicants.	Non-Communicants.	Children.	Total.	PASTORS.
MICHIGAN:					
Daggett	51	.....	36	87	J. Geo. Bruner.
Unionville	210	16	60	286	Theodore Weingarth
ILLINOIS:					
West Salem	280	12	86	378	A. Haupert.
IOWA:					
Gracehill	42	7	20	69	Ernest Drebert.
MINNESOTA:					
Berea	86	12	40	138	Joseph Weinlick.
Bethany	109	4	40	153	W. J. Wesenberg.
Bethesda	82	.....	54	136	Julius Mewaldt.
Chaska	200	9	55	264	W.C.Schattschneider
Elim	60	3	23	86	I. Richard Mewaldt.
Hebron	78	3	26	107	A. Petterson.
Altura	10	.....	4	14	
Laketown	121	9	49	179	Charles A. Albrecht.
Northfield	97	6	27	130	Chas. J. Bornman.
Zoar	71	.....	22	93	Vacant.
Waconia	55	.....	33	88	
NORTH DAKOTA:					
Aurelia	65	5	22	92	S. G. Gutensohn.
Tagus	21	7	4	32	
Bethel	111	3	63	177	Robert Kreitlow.
Canaan	217	23	100	340	W. J. Goerner.
Goshen	121	5	71	197	G. A. Heidenreich
Casselton	53	3	9	65	
Havelock	16	.....	9	25	Henry R. Heise.
Tabor	60	9	22	91	E. H. Swavely.
Alice	46	1	15	62	
Total	5416	244	2070	7730	
Net Increase+	+49			+105	

CANADIAN DISTRICT.

CONGREGATIONS.	Communicants.	Non-Communicants.	Children.	Total.	PASTORS.
ALBERTA:					
Bruederfeld	175	21	109	305	Emil Suemper.
Bruederheim	202	17	141	360	Charles Gutensohn.
Calgary	125	2	147	274	Vacant.
Heimthal	34	4	29	67	Hermann Schulze.
New Sarepta	52	2	57	111	Herbert Kant.
Strathcona	123	10	95	228	Clement Hoyler.
Edmonton	14	.....	14	28	
SASKATCHEWAN:					
Dundurn	21	4	23	48	Robert Huebener.
Pleasant Point and Watrous	28	1	30	59	
Total	774	61	645	1480	
Net Increase+	+56			+88	

RECAPITULATION.

RECAPITULATION:				
Eastern District	10519	842	3110	14471
Western District	5416	244	2070	7730
Canadian District	774	61	645	1480
Grand Total	16709	1147	5825	23681
Net Increase+	+403			+461

CALIFORNIA INDIAN MISSION.

1. Martinez	60	2	28	90	S. H. Rock.
2. Potrero	42	8	25	75	W. H. Weinland.
3. Rincon, La Jolla and Pechanga	6	.....	.....	6	D. J. Woosley.
Total	108	10	53	171	
Net Decrease—	—3			—4	

THE SOUTHERN PROVINCE.

CONGREGATIONS.	Communicants.	Non-Communicants.	Children.	Total.	PASTORS.
Alpha, N. C.....	11	1	7	19	F. Walter Grabs.
Bethabara, N. C.....	64	1	16	81	J. F. McCuiston.
Bethania, N. C.....	280	13	108	401	F. Walter Grabs.
Carmel, N. C.....	22	.....	12	34	Edward Rondthaler.
Clemmons, N. C.....	124	7	35	166	James E. Hall.
Friedberg, N. C.....	519	49	149	717	Herbert Johnson.
Friedland, N. C.....	173	24	95	292	J. F. McCuiston.
Fulp, N. C.....	15	5	21	41	C. E. Crist.
Greensboro, N. C.....	78	.....	44	122	D. L. Rights.
Immanuel, N. C.....	25	4	8	37	Edwin J. Heath.
Kernersville, N. C.....	60	7	9	76	Edward Rondthaler.
Macedonia, N. C.....	147	12	84	243	Jas. E. Hall.
Mayodan, N. C.....	66	21	36	123	E. H. Stockton.
Mizpah, N. C.....	66	4	15	85	F. Walter Grabs.
Moravia, N. C.....	32	.....	20	52	
Mt. Bethel, Va.....	171	20	122	313	F. Walter Grabs.
New Philadelphia, N.C..	189	47	104	340	Jas. E. Hall.
Oak Grove, N. C.....	89	7	64	160	J. F. McCuiston.
Providence, N. C.....	109	18	96	223	C. E. Crist.
Home Church.....	1019	36	220	1275	J. Kenneth Pfohl.
Calvary Church.....	589	17	148	754	Edmund Schwarze.
Christ Church.....	290	11	88	389	Edgar A. Holton.
Fairview Church.....	305	5	184	494	L. G. Luckenbach.
Fries Memorial.....	167	.....	90	257	Clarence Romig.
Trinity Church.....	201	5	70	276	E. C. Stempel.
St. Philip's Church...	56	.....	12	68	Wm. E. Spaugh.
Salem Congregation....	2627	74	812	3513	Edward Rondthaler.
Wachovia Arbor, N. C..	45	4	20	69	J. F. McCuiston.
Willow Hill, Va.....	70	15	50	135	F. Walter Grabs.
Totals, 1917	4982	333	1927	7242	

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

January 1, 1918.

	Communicants.	Non-Communicants.	Children.	Total.
Northern Province...	16709	1147	5825	23581
Southern Province...	4982	333	1927	7242
Jan. 1, 1918.....	21691	1480	7752	30923
Jan. 1, 1917.....	21302	1441	7698	30441
Net Increase+.....	+389	+39	+54	+482

INTERNATIONAL UNIFORM LESSONS, 1919.

Courtesy of The Sunday School Times.

FIRST QUARTER.

THE PATRIARCH AND EARLY LEADERS OF ISRAEL.

1. Jan. 5. Pharaoh Oppresses Israel. Ex. 1:8-14; 2:1-8. Golden Text: Psalm 72:4. Topic: Modern Oppressions from which Deliverance is Needed.

2. Jan. 12. Moses the Leader of Israel. Ex. 3:1-12. Golden Text: Heb. 3:5. Topic: The World's Call for Leadership.

3. Jan. 19. The Passover. Ex. 12:1-14. Golden Text: 1 Cor. 5:7. Topic: Value of Religious Festivals.

4. Jan. 26. Israel Crossing the Red Sea. Ex. 14:21—15:2. Golden Text: Ex. 14:30. Topic: The Challenge of a Great Deliverance.

5. Feb. 2. The Giving of the Manna. Ex. 16:11-18, 31-35. Golden Text: Matt. 6:11. Topic: Poverty and Providence in our Day.

6. Feh. 9. Jethro's Counsel. Ex. 18:12-26. Golden Text: Gal. 6:2. Topic: Co-operation in the Work of the Kingdom.

7. Feh. 16. The Ten Commandments. Ex. 20:1-17. Golden Text: Luke 10:27. Topic: The Commandments in Modern Life.

8. Feb. 23. Moses Praying for Israel. Ex. 32:7-14. Golden Text: James 5:16. Topic: The Value of Intercessory Prayer.

9. Mar. 2. The Report of the Spies. Num. 14:1-10. Golden Text: 1 John 5:4. Topic: Causes of Failure in Life.

10. Mar. 9. Joshua, Patriot and Leader. Joshua 1:1-9. Golden Text: Joshua 1:9. Topic: How to Serve One's Country.

11. Mar. 16. The Cities of Refuge. Joshua 20. Golden Text: Matt. 5:7. Topic: Our Responsibility toward Offenders.

12. Mar. 23. Israel Warned Against Compromise. Joshua 23:1-13. Golden Text: 1 Cor. 15:33. Topic: Compromising with Evil-doers.

13. Mar. 30. Review: God's Hand in a Nation's Life. Joshua 24:14-28. Golden Text: Prov. 14:34. Topic: Old Testament Conceptions of Providence.

SECOND QUARTER.

Some Great Teachings of the Bible

1. April 6. God our Heavenly Father. Matt. 6:24-34. Golden Text: Matt. 6:9. Topic: God the Father Almighty.

2. April 13. Christ our Saviour. John 1:35-51. Golden Text: John 3:16. Topic: Christ the World's Redeemer.

3. April 20. Our Risen Lord. Matthew 28:1-10. Golden Text: Matt. 28:6. Topic: The Meaning of Christ's Resurrection.

4. April 27. The Holy Spirit our Helper. Acts 2:1-8, 14-18. Golden Text: Luke 11:13. Topic: What the Holy Spirit Does for Us.

5. May 4. Man Made in the Image of God. Genesis 1:26-28; 2:7-9; Ephesians 4:20-24. Golden Text: Gen. 1:27. Topic: The Dignity and Worth of Man.

6. May 11. Sin and Its Consequences. Gen. 3:1-13. Golden Text: Rom. 6:23. Topic: The Nature and Results of Sin.

7. May 18. The Grace of God. Eph. 2:4-10; Titus 2:11-14. Golden Text: Acts 15:11. Topic: The Grace of God the Source and Pledge of Our Salvation.

8. May 25. Repentance. Jonah 3:1-10. Golden Text: Mark 1:15. Topic: The Nature and Fruits of Repentance.

9. June 1. Faith: What it is and What it Does. Heb. 11:1-10; 12:1, 2. Golden Text: John 14:1. Topic: The Place of Faith in the Religious Life.

10. June 8. Obedience. Matt. 7:16-29. Golden Text: John 15:14. Topic: Obedience a Test of Discipleship.

11. June 15. Prayer. Luke 18:1-5, 9-14. Golden Text: Phil. 4:6. Topic: The Christian Conception of Prayer.

12. June 22. Love. 1 Corinthians 13. Golden Text: 1 Cor. 13:13. Topic: The Strongest Bond between Men and Nations.

13. June 29. Review: Response to God's Love. Philippians 3:7-14. Golden Text: Psalm 86:12. Topic: Some Fundamentals of Faith and Practice.

THIRD QUARTER.

Some Great Teachings of the Bible (Continued).

1. July 6. The Church: Its Life and Work. Acts 2:37-47; 1 Thess. 5:11-15. Golden Text: Eph. 5:25. Topic: The Spirit and Mission of the Christian Church.

2. July 13. Baptism. Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 8:34-40. Golden Text: Gal. 3:27. Topic: Significance and Importance of Christian Baptism.

3. July 20. The Lord's Supper. Matt. 26:26-30; 1 Cor. 11:23-26. Golden Text: 1 Cor. 11:26. Topic: Communion with Christ and with One Another.

4. July 27. Christian Fellowship. Phil. 4:10-20. Golden Text: 1 John 1:7. Topic: Basis and Benefits of Christian Fellowship.

5. Aug. 3. Christian Worship. John 4:1-10, 19-24. Golden Text: John 4:24. Topic: The Nature and Value of True Worship.

6. Aug. 10. Winning Others to Christ. Acts 16:9-15; James 5:19, 20. Golden Text: Acts 1:8. Topic: Personal Evangelism the Duty and Privilege of all Christians.

7. Aug. 17. Christian Missions. Acts 1:8; 14:8-20. Golden Text: Mark 16:15. Topic: Christian Missions: Aims, Methods and Results.

8. Aug. 24. Social Responsibility. Luke 10:25-37. Golden Text: Gal. 6:10. Topic: The Christian Ideal of Human Brotherhood.

9. Aug. 31. Temperance. Dan. 1:8-20. Golden Text: 1 Cor. 9:25. Topic: The Progress of the Temperance Movement.

10. Sept. 7. The Kingdom of God. Matt. 13:31-33, 44-50. Golden Text: Matt. 6:33. Topic: The Universality of the Kingdom.

11. Sept. 14. The Future Life. Matt. 25:31-46. Golden Text: 2 Cor. 5:10. Topic: Biblical Teaching about the Future Life.

12. Sept. 21. The Holy Scriptures. Psalm 19:7-14; 2 Timothy 3:14-17. Golden Text :Psalm 119:105. Topic: The Bible a Progressive Revelation.

13. Sept. 28. Review: Jesus our Saviour and King. Matt. 21:1-9, 15, 16. Golden Text: Matt. 21:9. Topic: Christ's Program for the World.

FOURTH QUARTER.

Studies in the Lives of Peter and John.

1. Oct. 5. John and Peter Become Disciples of Jesus. John 1:29-42. Golden Text: John 1:43. Topic: The Claims of Christ upon all Men.

2. Oct. 12. Fishers of Men. Mark 1:14-20. Golden Text: Mark 1:17. Topic: Ways of Winning Men to Christ.

3. Oct. 19. Jesus in Peter's Home. Mark 1:29-39. Golden Text: Luke 19:9. Topic: Christ in the Home.

4. Oct. 26. A Lesson in Trust. Matthew 14:22-33. Golden Text: Mark 9:24. Topic: An Ever-present Helper.

5. Nov. 2. Temperance Lesson. (World's Temperance Sunday.) Jeremiah 35:1-8, 12-14a, 18, 19. Golden Text:

1 Cor. 10:31. Topic: Our Personal Responsibility for Temperance Reform.

6. Nov. 9. Peter's Great Confession. Matthew 16:13-24. Golden Text: Matt. 16:16. Topic: The Messiahship of Jesus.

7. Nov. 16. Witnesses of Christ's Glory. Luke 9:28-36. Golden Text: Mark 9:7. Topic: Mountain-Top Experiences.

8. Nov. 23. Jesus Corrects John's Narrowness. Luke 9:46-56. Golden Text: Eph. 6:24. Topic: True and False Liberality.

9. Nov. 30. Jesus Teaches Peter True Greatness. John 13:5-16, 36-38. Golden Text: Matt. 20:28. Topic: Greatness through Service.

10. Dec. 7. Peter and John Asleep in Gethsemane. Mark 14:32-42. Golden Text: Mark 14:38. Topic: Jesus' Dependence upon His Disciples.

11. Dec. 14. At the Trial and Crucifixion of Jesus. John 18:15-27; 19:25-27. Golden Text: John 3:16. Topic: What the Crucifixion Meant to Peter and John.

12. Dec. 21. At the Empty Tomb and with the Risen Lord. John 20:1-10; 21:15-19. Golden Text: Matt. 28:6. Topic: What the Resurrection Meant to Peter and John.

Or,

The Prince of Peace (Christmas Lesson). Isa. 11:1-10; Luke 2:8-14. Golden Text: Matt. 1:21. Topic: Conditions of Permanent World Peace.

13. Dec. 28. Review: The Training of Peter and John. 1 John 1:1-9. Golden Text: Acts 1:8. Topic: Qualified to Serve.

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Jan. 4. Worth-While Life Purposes. Prov. 3:1-18. (Consecration meeting.)
12. The Practice of Kindliness. Gen. 45:1-15.
19. Our Relation to God. I. Repenting. Mark 1:14-20.
26. Books That Have Helped Me. Prov. 2:1-9.

Feb. 2. The Best Things in Christian Endeavor. Tit. 2: 11-14; 3:8. (Christian Endeavor Day.)
9. "I Will"—and What Will I? Heb. 10:5-9, 19-25. (Consecration meeting, Decision Day.)
16. Our Relation to God. II. Trusting. Ps. 91:1-16.
23. Christianity and the Toilers of Japan. Matt. 28: 16-20. (Missionary meeting.)

Mar. 2. Our Relation to God. III. Obeying. John 15: 12-17. (Consecration meeting.)
9. Lost by Looking. Prov. 23:29-35. (Temperance meeting.)
16. Envy and Covetousness. Luke 12:13-21.
23. The Art of Building Character. 1 Cor. 3:10-17.
30. On the Fence. Matt. 27:11-26.

April 6. Our Relation to God. IV. Praying. Mark 11:19-26. (Consecration meeting.)
13. How to Give God's Day to Godlike Deeds. Exod. 20:8-11.
20. Eternal Life and How to Live It. John 5:24; Eph. 2:1-10. (Easter meeting.)
27. Christianity and the Toilers of America. Matt. 9:35-38. (Missionary meeting.)

May 4. Our Relation to God. V. Serving. Matt. 20:20-28. (Consecration meeting.)
11. The Lure of the World. 2 Tim. 4:10; 1. John 2:15-17.

18. Life, the School of God, and Its Lessons. Ps. 119:1-8, 33-40.
25. God's Precious Promises. 1 Kings 8:54-61; 2 Pet. 1:1-4. (Union meeting with Juniors and Intermediates. A memory meeting.)

June 1. Our Relation to God. VI. Reverence and Puhlic Worship. Ps. 33:1-11; John 4:19-26. (Consecration meeting.)
8. Conditions Necessary for World-Peace. Mic. 4:1-5.
15. What We Owe and How to Pay It. 2 Cor. 8:1-15. (Tenth Legion applications.)
22. Christianity and the Toilers of India. Isa. 40:18-31. (Missionary meeting.)
29. What Does Loyalty to Our Church and Country Call for? Matt. 22:15-22.

July 6. Our Relation to Others. I. Toward Enemies. Rom. 12:17-21. (Consecration meeting.)
13. Our Denominational History and Principles. Ps. 44:1-8. (May be led hy the pastor.)
20. Crusading against Intemperance. Eph. 6:10-20.
27. How Do Men Confess Christ and How Deny Him? Rom. 10:9; Luke 22:55-61.

Aug. 3. Our Relation to Others. II. Toward Parents and Others in the Home. Exod. 20:12; Eph. 6:1-9. (Consecration meeting.)
10. Speech, Wise and Unwise. Jas. 3:1-18.
17. How Do Men Sell Their Heritage? Gen. 25:27-34.
24. The Folly of Pride. Prov. 16:1-19.
31. The Christian Challenge to Life Service. Matt. 4:18-22. (Missionary vocational meeting. Life-Work Recruits.)

Sept. 7. Our Relation to Others. III. Toward Neighhors and Friends. Phil. 2:1-11. (Consecration meeting.)
14. The Great Companion: How to Live with Him. Luke 24:13-32.
21. Truthfulness. Eph. 4:25; 2 Kings 5:20-27.
28. The Christian Athlete and His Training. 1 Cor. 9:19-27.

Oct. 5. Our Relation to Others. IV. Toward World-Brotherhood. Luke 10:25-37. (Consecration meeting.)

12. Training in Citizenship. 1 Pet. 2:11-20. (Citizenship Day.)

19. Our Pledge and How to Keep It. Exod. 19:1-8.

26. Christianity and the Health of China. Luke 4:16-31. (Missionary meeting.)

Nov. 2. Standing for God and Right. 1 Kings 18:17-24. (Consecration meeting.)

9. How to Avoid Failure. Josh. 1:1-8.

16. Co-operation in Christian Service. John 17:20-23; 1 Cor. 3:5-10.

23. How May We Practise Thanksgiving? Eph. 5:20; Ps. 67:1-7. (Thanksgiving meeting.)

30. Christianity and the Health of America. Ezek. 47:1-12. (Missionary meeting.)

Dec. 7. Truths That Jesus Taught. Matt. 5:3-12; John 21:25. (Consecration meeting.)

14. How to Use the Bible. Ps. 19:7-14; Matt. 4:1-4.

21. The Christmas Message and the Christmas Spirit. Luke 2:8-14: Matt. 2:9-11. (Christmas meeting.)

28. How to Make Next Year Better than This. Ps. 90:1-17. (New Year's meeting.)

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